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# Man killed in 'rocket attack' on Manipur ex-CM's house

A missile-like object hits the house of Mairembam Koireng Singh, the State's first CM, in Bishnupur; five injured in the incident; this is the third such attack in the northeastern State since September 1

**The Hindu Bureau**
GUWAHATI

A 70-year-old man was killed and five persons were injured when a "rocket" fell on the house of late Mairembam Koireng Singh, Manipur's first Chief Minister, in Bishnupur district on Friday.

Locals said a missile-like object with a smoke tail arced in on the house from behind the hills beyond the Sendra Road area in Moirang town. The incident happened at 3.30 p.m.

Bishnupur is in the Meitei-majority Imphal Valley while the hills and beyond, in Churachandpur district, are dominated by Kuki-Zo people.

The deceased was identified as R.K. Rabei. "The injured have been evacuated to a hospital and the area has been cordoned off," a police official said.

**Tension returns:** The spot where a rocket-like object fell, killing a man in Moirang of Manipur on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

### Spate of attacks

A neighbour of the former Chief Minister said the "rocket" landed near the victims when they were erecting a structure for an upcoming religious function. "They were hit by pieces that flew off the rocket," he said. This is the third attack by bombs or bomb-like objects in the State since September 1, indicating the resumption of violence between the two warring communities after almost a four-month lull.

The Manipur government claimed that "Kuki extremists" used drones to carry out some of the attacks. Two people were killed and at least a dozen injured in the earlier attacks in Imphal West district.

Kuki groups claimed that the people in Imphal Valley died because of missiles misfired by the Manipur Police and Meitei radical organisations such as the Arambai Tenggol.

"There are no Kuki positions near places where the incidents happened," the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum said.

Before Friday's incident, hundreds of people across five districts of Imphal Valley formed human chains to protest against the "drone and gun attacks".

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# Health Ministry approves new treatment regimen for multidrug-resistant TB

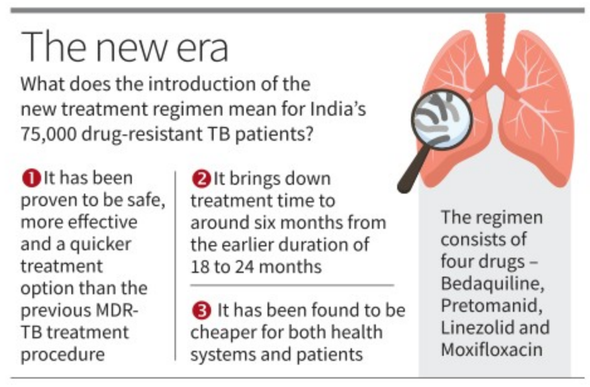
**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Union Health Ministry on Friday approved the introduction of a new treatment regimen for multidrug-resistant tuberculosis in India.

The BPaLM regimen consisting of four drugs – Bedaquiline, Pretomanid, Linezolid, and Moxifloxacin – has proven to be a safe, more effective and quicker treatment option than the previous MDR-TB treatment procedure, the Ministry said.

It added that the country was working towards the elimination of TB by 2025, five years ahead of the global target for eliminating the disease under the sustainable development goals.

As part of these efforts, the Ministry has introduced the BPaLM regimen, a novel treatment for MDR-TB, under its National TB Elimination Programme.




### High success rate

This regimen includes a new anti-TB drug, Pretomanid, in combination with Bedaquiline and Linezolid (with or without Moxifloxacin).

Pretomanid had earlier been approved and licensed for use in India by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation.

While traditional treatments can last up to 20 months with severe side effects, the BPaLM regimen can cure drug-resistant TB in just six months with a high success rate.

India's 75,000 drug-resistant TB patients will now be able to benefit from this shorter regimen. Along with other advantages, there will also be overall savings in cost.

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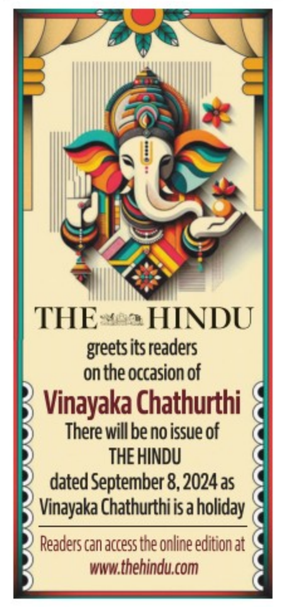
### Yettinahole project launched

**HEBBANAHALLI**
The government will ensure that Kolar and Chickballapur get water from the Yettinahole project, said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday after inaugurating the first stage of the project. » Page 8

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# When the stars align: how the chess revolution is being televised

Headlined by some of the game's biggest names — Carlsen, Anand, Nepomniachtchi, MVL, Aronian, Hou — the Global Chess League's first edition was broadcast worldwide. With the addition of Nakamura and Giri, Season 2 of the innovative franchise-based competition, which kicks off next month, just got bigger

**P.K. Ajith Kumar**

A couple of months after leading upGrad Mumba Masters to the final of the inaugural edition of the Global Chess League in Dubai last year, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave was in Kolkata for the Tata Steel Chess India tournament. During an interview, after winning the event's rapid title in the eastern metropolis, he told this writer how much he enjoyed playing in the new league.

"I thought the concept was very nice," the affable Frenchman had said. "It is one of the events that help people get involved and root for a team. There is a future for this event."

## Novel experience

The event was a novel experience for the players as well as the fans. Each of the six franchises comprised top male and female players as well as a junior. The final proved a thrilling affair too, with Triveni Continental Kings winning the title via sudden death.

So the expectations are high for Season 2 of the Global Chess League, which kicks off in London on October 3.

> Last year the league reached out to 150 countries, through television and streaming platforms. The numbers were very encouraging
>
> **SAMEER PATHAK**
> CEO, Global Chess League

## Marquee attraction

The biggest attraction of the league last year was the presence of some of the biggest names in the game, like Vachier-Lagrave. The line-up was headed by Magnus Carlsen, five-time World champion and the planet's strongest player of all time.

The Norwegian superstar will be there in London. As will Hikaru Nakamura, a master in the league's format – speed chess.

Global Chess League's CEO Sameer Pathak is excited that Nakamura has come on board for the new season. "We have refreshed the whole league by the addition of Nakamura and also Anish Giri," he told *The Hindu* at Gurugram recently. "It is pretty exciting to see new players joining the league, as their acceptance is important to us."

Pathak is also happy that the league is on live television (chess usually isn't). "Last year the league reached out to 150 countries, through television and streaming platforms," he says. "Most of the broadcasters were showing chess for the first time. And the numbers were very encouraging. We got the best production house that does cricket, volleyball and other sports."

Chess could indeed gain from quality television coverage. One recalls the excellent live coverage Norwegian channels had for the 2013 World championship match between Viswanathan Anand and Carlsen in Chennai. The channels had flown in large crews for the match and some of them had told this correspondent how big the following back home in Norway was for the match.

Pathak says the franchise owners are also happy with the response to the league.

Was it difficult to convince them about the league's scope as chess is not really a spectator sport like cricket, football or kabaddi?

"Yes, it did take us some convincing and their question was – okay, chess is popular but how can you make it viable," he says. "Four of the team owners that we have right now have multiple sports teams. Some of them have nine teams, some of them have six teams, some of them have four teams. They understand the value of sports in the country and they are already into different sports.

"The owners of Ganges Grandmasters also have a TT team and a kabaddi team. Mumba Masters and Punit Balan Group also own multiple sports teams. SG Sports' first team was chess and then they went on to buy multiple teams. Triveni is the one that has solely depended on chess, and the company's founder chairman Dhruv Sawhney was the president of the All India Chess Federation for several years. We are also glad that cricketer R. Ashwin is owning a franchise now [American Gambits]."

The league's idea was mooted by Anand Mahindra, the chairman of Mahindra Group. It is a joint venture of Tech Mahindra and FIDE, the world chess governing body.

"During the pandemic, Mr. Mahindra actually got hooked on online chess," says Pathak. "During the Online Chess Olympiad, he tweeted about India winning the gold medal. Samay Raina the comedian [and chess buff] tweeted back. Then FIDE also got involved. You may remember that a similar thing had happened earlier with kabaddi. Mr. Mahindra had supported Charu Sharma's idea about a kabaddi league and Pro Kabaddi took off. He felt chess deserved a sports league, as the game was born in India and the game was growing very fast."

Pathak says work on the league started in early 2021. "Vishwanathan Anand was our mentor, our go-to man and he was signed up early as Mr. Mahindra did not want us to lose the perspective," he says. "We came up with new ideas and discussed how we could make it interesting for fans, how to make them start watching chess. You may have noticed that we brought in elements from other sports. For instance, coin toss from cricket, as well as the home-and-away concept. You get four points if you win with black pieces, as it is a hit like an away Test match."

## Teamwork makes the dream work

He says the inaugural season showed chess could actually also be a team sport. "If you look at the videos from the league, you could see the team spirit and that was what we were looking forward to," he says. "I think it was the biggest takeaway from last year's league – the way Carlsen rallied his team around him or the way MVL [Vachier-Lagrave] shepherded his team all the way to the final. You know, they all got involved in each other's success."

In London, Carlsen will lead The SG Alpine Pipers yet again. His team also includes Hou Yifan, an all-time great in women's chess and four-time World champion, and R. Praggnanandhaa. MVL remains the captain of Mumba Masters and will continue to have the support of India's best-ever female players Koneru Humpy and Dronavalli Harika as well as the popular Russian star Alexander Grischuk.

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> **PATHAK**

Nakamura is the skipper of American Gambits, while Ian Nepomniachtchi, who was the challenger for the last two World championships, is leading Triveni Continental Kings. Giri and Anand are the captains of PBG Alaskan Knights and Ganges Grandmasters, respectively.

Come October, Friends House in London should witness some fascinating moves across those black-and-white squares.

# STACKING UP

### ATP Men's Top 15

| # | Player | Age | Points | Events |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Jannik Sinner | 23 | 9,360 | 18 |
| 2 | Novak Djokovic | 37 | 7,460 | 18 |
| 3 | Carlos Alcaraz | 21 | 7,360 | 17 |
| 4 | Alexander Zverev | 27 | 7,035 | 24 |
| 5 | Daniil Medvedev | 28 | 6,275 | 18 |
| 6 | Andrey Rublev | 26 | 4,805 | 25 |
| 7 | Hubert Hurkacz | 27 | 4,055 | 22 |
| 8 | Casper Ruud | 25 | 3,855 | 23 |
| 9 | Grigor Dimitrov | 33 | 3,655 | 21 |
| 10 | Alex de Minaur | 25 | 3,435 | 23 |
| 11 | Stefanos Tsitsipas | 26 | 3,425 | 23 |
| 12 | Taylor Fritz | 26 | 3,120 | 22 |
| 13 | Ben Shelton | 21 | 3,110 | 25 |
| 14 | Tommy Paul | 27 | 2,985 | 21 |
| 15 | Holger Rune | 21 | 2,780 | 24 |

**Top Indians ▸**

Sumit Nagal
Rank 73 ▼ 1 spot

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 326 ▼ 2 spots

### WTA Women's Top 15

| # | Player | Age | Points | Events |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Iga Swiatek | 23 | 10,695 | 17 |
| 2 | Aryna Sabalenka | 26 | 8,016 | 18 |
| 3 | Coco Gauff | 20 | 6,743 | 17 |
| 4 | Elena Rybakina | 25 | 5,931 | 19 |
| 5 | Jasmine Paolini | 28 | 5,168 | 22 |
| 6 | Jessica Pegula | 30 | 5,160 | 21 |
| 7 | Qinwen Zheng | 21 | 3,980 | 19 |
| 8 | Barbora Krejcikova | 28 | 3,571 | 18 |
| 9 | Maria Sakkari | 29 | 3,515 | 23 |
| 10 | Jelena Ostapenko | 27 | 3,428 | 23 |
| 11 | Danielle Collins | 30 | 3,422 | 20 |
| 12 | Emma Navarro | 23 | 3,040 | 28 |
| 13 | Daria Kasatkina | 27 | 2,973 | 23 |
| 14 | Madison Keys | 29 | 2,727 | 15 |
| 15 | Anna Kalinskaya | 25 | 2,712 | 23 |

**Top Indians ▸**

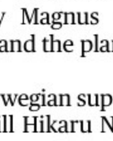
Ankita Raina
Rank 283 ▼ 1 spot

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 303 ▲ 3 spots

### F1 Drivers' standings

| # | Driver | Team | Points | Wins |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Max Verstappen | Red Bull | 303 | 7 |
| 2 | Lando Norris | McLaren | 241 | 2 |
| 3 | Charles Leclerc | Ferrari | 217 | 2 |
| 4 | Oscar Piastri | McLaren | 197 | 1 |
| 5 | Carlos Sainz | Ferrari | 184 | 1 |
| 6 | Lewis Hamilton | Mercedes | 164 | 2 |
| 7 | Sergio Perez | Red Bull | 143 | 0 |
| 8 | George Russell | Mercedes | 128 | 1 |
| 9 | Fernando Alonso | Aston Martin | 50 | 0 |
| 10 | Lance Stroll | Aston Martin | 24 | 0 |
| 11 | Nico Hulkenberg | Haas | 22 | 0 |
| 12 | Yuki Tsunoda | RB | 22 | 0 |
| 13 | Daniel Ricciardo | RB | 12 | 0 |
| 14 | Pierre Gasly | Alpine | 8 | 0 |
| 15 | Oliver Bearman | Ferrari | 6 | 0 |
| 16 | Kevin Magnussen | Haas | 6 | 0 |
| 17 | Alex Albon | Williams | 6 | 0 |
| 18 | Esteban Ocon | Alpine | 5 | 0 |
| 19 | Zhou Guanyu | Sauber | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | Valtteri Bottas | Sauber | 0 | 0 |

Max Verstappen


Lando Norris

### F1 Constructors' standings

| Pos | Team | Points | Wins |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Red Bull | 446 | 7 |
| 2 | McLaren | 438 | 3 |
| 3 | Ferrari | 407 | 3 |
| 4 | Mercedes | 292 | 3 |
| 5 | Aston Martin | 74 | 0 |
| 6 | RB | 34 | 0 |
| 7 | Haas | 28 | 0 |
| 8 | Alpine | 13 | 0 |
| 9 | Williams | 6 | 0 |
| 10 | Sauber | 0 | 0 |

### Badminton Men's ranking

| # | Player | Points | Events |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Shi Yu Qi | 102,415 | 18 |
| 2 | Viktor Axelsen | 96,590 | 14 |
| 3 | Jonatan Christie | 83,797 | 17 |
| 4 | Lee Zii Jia | 83,716 | 23 |
| 5 | Li Shi Feng | 82,996 | 18 |
| 6 | Anders Antonsen | 81,881 | 23 |
| 7 | Kodai Naraoka | 79,297 | 21 |
| 8 | Kunlavut Vitidsarn | 75,758 | 16 |
| 9 | Chou Tien Chen | 71,877 | 29 |
| 10 | Anthony Sinisuka Ginting | 70,485 | 19 |
| 11 | Loh Kean Yew | 65,433 | 23 |
| 12 | Kenta Nishimoto | 64,662 | 25 |
| 13 | Lu Guang Zu | 63,431 | 21 |
| 14 | Lin Chun-Yi | 60,601 | 29 |
| 15 | Lee Cheuk Yiu | 58,719 | 24 |

**Top Indians ▸**

Prannoy H. S.
Rank 17

Lakshya Sen
Rank 18

### Badminton Women's ranking

| # | Player | Points | Events |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | An Se Young | 111,317 | 14 |
| 2 | Chen Yu Fei | 103,482 | 16 |
| 3 | Tai Tzu Ying | 90,471 | 17 |
| 4 | Carolina Marin | 88,286 | 16 |
| 5 | Akane Yamaguchi | 86,857 | 12 |
| 6 | Wang Zhi Yi | 83,815 | 20 |
| 7 | Han Yue | 77,609 | 21 |
| 8 | Gregoria Mariska Tunjung | 77,062 | 20 |
| 9 | Aya Ohori | 70,917 | 24 |
| 10 | Beiwen Zhang | 65,356 | 23 |
| 11 | Supanida Katethong | 62,874 | 25 |
| 12 | Busanan Ongbamrungphan | 62,590 | 25 |
| 13 | Kim Ga Eun | 62,500 | 17 |
| 14 | P.V. Sindhu | 61,462 | 14 |
| 15 | Nozomi Okuhara | 60,031 | 21 |

**Top Indians ▸**

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 14

Aakarshi Kashyap
Rank 39

### Test Batting

| # | Player | Rating | Career best |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Joe Root | 922 | 923 |
| 2 | Kane Williamson | 859 | 919 |
| 3 | Daryl Mitchell | 768 | 804 |
| 4 | Steve Smith | 757 | 947 |
| 5 | Harry Brook | 753 | 773 |
| 6 | Rohit Sharma | 751 | 813 |
| 7 | Yashasvi Jaiswal | 740 | 740 |
| 8 | Virat Kohli | 737 | 937 |
| 9 | Usman Khawaja | 728 | 847 |
| 10 | Mohammad Rizwan | 720 | 728 |

### Test Bowling

| # | Player | Rating | Career best |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | R. Ashwin | 870 | 904 |
| 2 | Josh Hazlewood | 847 | 864 |
| 2 | Jasprit Bumrah | 847 | 881 |
| 4 | Kagiso Rabada | 820 | 902 |
| 4 | Pat Cummins | 820 | 914 |
| 6 | Nathan Lyon | 801 | 801 |
| 7 | Ravindra Jadeja | 788 | 899 |
| 8 | Asitha Fernando | 734 | 734 |
| 9 | Kyle Jamieson | 729 | 836 |
| 10 | Matt Henry | 711 | 711 |

### ODI Batting

| # | Player | Rating | Career best |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Babar Azam | 824 | 898 |
| 2 | Rohit Sharma | 765 | 882 |
| 3 | Shubman Gill | 763 | 847 |
| 4 | Virat Kohli | 746 | 909 |
| 4 | Harry Tector | 746 | 767 |
| 6 | Daryl Mitchell | 728 | 750 |
| 7 | David Warner | 723 | 869 |
| 8 | Pathum Nissanka | 708 | 728 |
| 9 | Dawid Malan | 707 | 730 |
| 10 | Rassie van der Dussen | 701 | 796 |

### ODI Bowling

| # | Player | Rating | Career best |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Keshav Maharaj | 716 | 741 |
| 2 | Josh Hazlewood | 688 | 727 |
| 3 | Adam Zampa | 686 | 695 |
| 4 | Kuldeep Yadav | 665 | 760 |
| 5 | Bernard Scholtz | 657 | 657 |
| 6 | Mohammad Nabi | 656 | 657 |
| 7 | Shaheen Afridi | 650 | 688 |
| 8 | Jasprit Bumrah | 645 | 838 |
| 9 | Mohammed Siraj | 643 | 736 |
| 9 | Trent Boult | 643 | 775 |

### T20I Batting

| # | Player | Rating | Career best |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Travis Head | 844 | 844 |
| 2 | Suryakumar Yadav | 805 | 910 |
| 3 | Philip Salt | 797 | 833 |
| 4 | Yashasvi Jaiswal | 757 | 779 |
| 5 | Babar Azam | 755 | 896 |
| 6 | Mohammad Rizwan | 746 | 875 |
| 7 | Jos Buttler | 716 | 720 |
| 8 | Nicholas Pooran | 668 | 668 |
| 9 | Ruturaj Gaikwad | 664 | 706 |
| 10 | Aiden Markram | 641 | 796 |

### T20I Bowling

| # | Player | Rating | Career best |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Adil Rashid | 718 | 746 |
| 2 | Akeal Hosein | 695 | 683 |
| 3 | Rashid Khan | 668 | 816 |
| 4 | Gudakesh Motie | 664 | 674 |
| 5 | Wanindu Hasaranga | 663 | 797 |
| 6 | Josh Hazlewood | 662 | 806 |
| 7 | Anrich Nortje | 655 | 695 |
| 8 | Adam Zampa | 654 | 743 |
| 9 | Fazalhaq Farooqi | 645 | 692 |
| 10 | Maheesh Theekshana | 640 | 684 |

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# World snooker juniors: not the springboard it once was, but still a momentum-starter

With many of the top guns giving the tournament a miss, it was impossible to identify the undisputed best in the world. But for champions Natasha Chethan, Michal Szubarczyk and Christian Richter, the triumph was validation that their ambition of turning professional is worth pursuing

**Ashwin Achal**

The absence of players from England and China robbed the IBSF World under-21 (men and women) and under-17 (boys) snooker championship of sheen. England and China generally produce the best young talent – the two nations have combined to win 18 gold medals in the 34 editions of the under-21 men's events held before this year.

When the field is at full strength, this tournament gives a sneak peek at the next big thing in snooker. The best example of a hidden gem using this event as a springboard is none other than Ronnie O'Sullivan, who triumphed at the 1991 edition in Bangalore, as it was known then. O'Sullivan, of course, would go on to establish himself as an all-time great.

## Diminishing significance?

Officials from the International Billiards and Snooker Federation (IBSF) had the hard task of explaining the significance of this tournament, with the top guns not around. Young cueists from England and China prefer to focus on professional tournaments, the officials said. For those already in deep pursuit of the ultimate dream – competing on the professional circuit – there is no value in dominating this age-group competition.

And thus for this edition of the championship held in Bengaluru, we were left with the "best of the rest". This is not to say that talent was in short supply, but the action was not at the elite level.

Champions were crowned – Christian Richter (under-17 boys), Michal Szubarczyk (under-21 men) and Natasha Chethan (under-21 women).

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> **KAMIL SZUBARCZYK**
> Father of Michal (under-21 men's champion)

World champions they may be, undisputed best in the world they may not.

Regardless, it was a memorable week for home favourite Natasha. The Bengaluru teenager faced a big test in the final against Thailand's Narucha Phoemphul. The pressure of the occasion got to the players, who were tentative with their shot-making.

It came down to the wire, with a poor safety from Natasha leaving the pink hanging near the top pocket in the deciding fifth frame. Narucha inexplicably fluffed a simple pot, allowing the Indian to finish the match.

The encounter – a long-drawn affair which lasted nearly four hours – was marked by nervous potting and extended safety play. With a bit of luck and strong nerves, Natasha prevailed.

It was a first world title for Natasha, who had secured bronze in the previous edition held in Saudi Arabia.

Natasha, who started playing snooker in Bangalore Club, explained that winning at home made the evening all the sweeter. "To win a world title in my home city means a lot. I hope to compete in many more tournaments and get more wins," she said.

## Clear priority

For Natasha, snooker is the priority ahead of all else. She is enrolled in the National Institute of Open Schooling, and is due to appear for her 10th standard board exams. Collecting this title is sure to add purpose to pursuing her goal of becoming a full-time professional.

"Since the day I picked up the cue, my priority has always been snooker. School and other aspects come next. Nothing has changed in that regard," Natasha said.

Natasha's road to the professional tour is tough, and without clear precedent among Indian women. The top women players compete on the World Women's Snooker (WWS), which provides a pathway to compete in the mixed professional circuit of the World Snooker Tour (WST). Reanne Evans, a 12-time winner of the World Women's Snooker Championship and reigning World Mixed Doubles champion (with Luca Brecel), is among the popular names who have graduated to the top tier of the WST.

This long and winding road does not deter Natasha. "I don't consider myself as solely a woman player. I'm a snooker player. There have been a few Indians like Pankaj Advani and Aditya Mehta who have competed on the professional tour. I hope to follow in their footsteps and have a career in the United Kingdom," she said.

Poland's Michal, 13, stood out as the most impressive player in the tournament. The diminutive cueist displayed great mettle to dismantle his senior rivals, becoming the youngest champion in the tournament's history. Michal banks on excellent safety shots, which more often than not puts the opponent in a complete tangle.

The baby-faced Michal generally carries himself like a composed adult at the table, but when the chips are down, one is reminded that he is just a vulnerable child. When he misses a shot, he looks at his father Kamil in despair, and sinks in the chair. The error replays in his mind while he sits. He looks up at the ceiling on the verge of tears, and shakes his head in frustration. The mature stride returns when he is back on the table, and it is business as usual.

Michal is comforted by the presence of his father Kamil, who doubles up as a tournament referee. There was a curious sight in the semifinal stage. Kamil acted as the referee for one match, and right beside him, Michal was in action in the other last-four outing.

Kamil, like a true professional, stayed fully focused on his duties. He barely stole a glance at how his son was progressing.

## On the right track

This victory has given tremendous belief that Michal is on the right track. "This is unbelievable. Michal is a fan of Ronnie, and Ronnie won this tournament at the age of 15. Michal is only 13. That is crazy. We thought he would win this tournament in the next two or three years. We had no idea that this would come so soon," a beaming Kamil said.

It was a sweet turnaround for Michal, who had lost in the under-17 semifinals. "Michal does not believe in himself. This tournament will change all that," Kamil said.

Michal is keen to turn professional in three years, and there is plenty of work to be done. "Michal needs time to develop and practise. We also need funding to compete in international tournaments. This is crucial, because Michal cannot develop his game just by playing tournaments inside Poland," Kamil said.

Richter is over the moon, having secured his first international title. "This is my third attempt at the world under-17 championship. I reached the last-16 and quarterfinal earlier, so to win it this time gives me great joy," he said.

Richter started playing pool before taking up snooker. The 16-year-old from Germany looks up to World No. 1 Judd Trump, and aspires to pull off big, exciting breaks like his idol.

Richter explained that he will work on his game for a few more years before attempting to break into the professional circuit. He often travels to England to train with the top pros, which no doubt helps his game.

For these young champions, the early momentum has been provided in realising a life goal.

# GAME THEORY

## Charting the Fab Four's evolution

Kane Williamson (debut 2010), Steve Smith (debut 2010), Virat Kohli (debut 2011) and Joe Root (debut 2012) have been Test cricket's premier batters for more than a decade. This week, we take a look at their relative positions every two years since September 2014 to get a sense of how they have stacked up against each other through the ebbs and flows of their careers

**AS ON SEP 5, 2014:** MOST RUNS - Williamson
BEST AVE - Root | MOST 100S : Williamson

| Player | Tests | Runs | Ave | 100s |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kane Williamson | 34 | **2,377** | 40.28 | 7 |
| Virat Kohli | 29 | **1,855** | 39.46 | 6 |
| Joe Root | 22 | **1,732** | 50.94 | 5 |
| Steve Smith | 20 | **1,361** | 40.02 | 4 |

**AS ON SEP 5, 2016:** MOST RUNS - Williamson
BEST AVE - Smith | MOST 100S : Smith

| Player | Tests | Runs | Ave | 100s |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kane Williamson | 52 | **4,393** | 51.08 | 14 |
| Steve Smith | 44 | **4,099** | 58.55 | 15 |
| Joe Root | 46 | **4,005** | 54.86 | 10 |
| Virat Kohli | 45 | **3,245** | 45.06 | 12 |

**AS ON SEP 5, 2018:** MOST RUNS - Smith
BEST AVE - Smith | MOST 100S : Smith & Kohli

| Player | Tests | Runs | Ave | 100s |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Steve Smith | 64 | **6,199** | 61.37 | 23 |
| Joe Root | 73 | **6,154** | 50.85 | 13 |
| Virat Kohli | 70 | **6,098** | 54.44 | 23 |
| Kane Williamson | 65 | **5,338** | 50.35 | 18 |

**AS ON SEP 5, 2020:** MOST RUNS - Root
BEST AVE - Smith | MOST 100S : Kohli

| Player | Tests | Runs | Ave | 100s |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Joe Root | 97 | **7,823** | 47.99 | 17 |
| Virat Kohli | 86 | **7,240** | 53.62 | 27 |
| Steve Smith | 73 | **7,227** | 62.84 | 26 |
| Kane Williamson | 80 | **6,476** | 50.99 | 21 |

**AS ON SEP 5, 2022:** MOST RUNS - Root
BEST AVE - Smith | MOST 100S : Smith & Root

| Player | Tests | Runs | Ave | 100s |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Joe Root | 123 | **10,481** | 50.14 | 28 |
| Steve Smith | 87 | **8,161** | 60.00 | 28 |
| Virat Kohli | 102 | **8,074** | 49.53 | 27 |
| Kane Williamson | 88 | **7,368** | 52.62 | 24 |

**AS ON SEP 5, 2024:** MOST RUNS - Root
BEST AVE - Smith | MOST 100S : Root

| Player | Tests | Runs | Ave | 100s |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Joe Root | 145 | **12,377** | 50.93 | 34 |
| Steve Smith | 109 | **9,685** | 56.97 | 32 |
| Virat Kohli | 113 | **8,848** | 49.15 | 29 |
| Kane Williamson | 100 | **8,743** | 54.98 | 32 |

SOURCE: ESPNCRICINFO

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## Mall crawl

The 79th edition of La Vuelta a Espana, which concludes this weekend in Madrid, had an eye-catching start to its sixth stage.

One of the three iconic Grand Tours — the Tour de France and Giro d'Italia are the other major European cycling stage races — La Vuelta decided to shake things up this year.

Stage 6 began with the peloton squeezing into the giant Carrefour hypermarket in the southerly Spanish city of Jerez la Frontera, with dozens of riders navigating the aisles of produce and checkout counters before heading out of the loading dock and onto the streets. La Vuelta has a history of imaginative, unconventional starts, with riders being launched from an aircraft carrier and a giant oyster-breeding raft in previous editions. But this was its first brush with retail therapy, a nod to the longstanding sponsorship by Carrefour.

The local reportage got into the spirit of things, with Spanish outlet Marca's cycling correspondent declaring: "They haven't come here to buy eggs, they haven't come here to buy bread, they've come to fight for a victory!"

# New rules: Plans to enforce safety helmets and harnesses for young pillion riders

Awareness campaign to be conducted to educate the public about the use of safety harnesses and helmets for children before implementation

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Transport Department is planning to make it mandatory for motorcycle riders to ensure that children between nine months and four years of age, riding pillion, wear a crash helmet and safety harness.

A department official said that although the Union government had ordered States to make safety harnesses mandatory, it was yet to be implemented. Efforts were on to enforce this regulation, he added.

A safety harness is an adjustable vest worn by the child, designed to attach to the rider's vest through shoulder loops, ensuring the child's upper torso is securely fastened to the rider. FILE PHOTO

**MoRTH's directive**

"The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has set safety standards for children under four years riding on motorcycles. These include the requirement for children to wear a safety harness and a crash helmet, among other safety measures," the official said.

A safety harness is an adjustable vest worn by the child, designed to attach to the rider's vest through shoulder loops, ensuring the child's upper torso is securely fastened to the rider.

In addition to safety equipment, the new rules mandate that when a child under the age of four is being carried as a pillion, the motorcycle's speed must not exceed 40 kmph.

Before implementing the rules, department officials stated that an awareness campaign would be conducted to educate the public about the use of safety harnesses and helmets for children.

In December, 2023, the High Court of Karnataka ordered issue of notice to the State government on a public interest litigation petition seeking directions to the authorities to implement the new rules, which mandate a motorcycle rider to ensure that a child between nine months and four years of age, being carried as a pillion rider, wears a crash helmet and safety harness compulsorily.

The safety measures for children were introduced through Section 138(7) of Central Motor Vehicle (Second Amendment) Rules, 2022, which was notified on February 15, 2022, under Section 129 of the Motor Vehicles Act.

As per the notification, the new rules would come into force one year after its notification.

# Three killed, one injured in road mishap in Ramanagara

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

**A case has been registered at the Ramanagara traffic police station.**

Three construction workers were killed and another seriously injured when a tipper truck collided with a two-wheeler near Mayaganahalli on a service road of the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway on Friday.

The victims, identified as Sheikh Hafeez, 45, Gurumurthy, 39, and Venkatappa, 50, were residents of Ramanagara district. The injured worker, Hanumantha, may lose a limb and is currently undergoing treatment at a private hospital.

According to Ramanagara traffic police, the four workers were riding together on the two-wheeler to work from Ramanagara to Bidadi when they were hit from behind by the tipper truck.

The truck driver, who had just refilled fuel at a nearby petrol station, had failed to notice the motorcycle. Under the impact of the collision, the workers were trapped under the truck's wheels.

**Driver flees**

Sheikh Hafeez, Gurumurthy, and Venkatappa were pronounced dead at the scene, while Hanumantha suffered severe injuries to his leg.

The truck driver fled the scene after the accident, leaving the vehicle behind.

A case has been registered at the Ramanagara traffic police station, and investigations are ongoing. The bodies of the deceased were handed over to their families after post-mortem.

# Man arrested for multiple burglaries; ₹8 lakh worth of valuables recovered

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Jigani Police have arrested Laxman, a resident of Sarjapur, for his involvement in multiple burglaries, allegedly using the stolen money to fund a relationship with his girlfriend.

According to the police, the stolen items included gold and silver worth ₹8 lakhs, which have been recovered.

The accused was reportedly targeting homes that were locked during the day.

**Crime spree**

His crime spree spanned multiple areas, with cases registered against him in Jigani, Bannerghatta, and Sarjapur police station limits.

The police apprehended him after a burglary in Anekal, using CCTV footage to track his movements.

Once in custody, he confessed to the burglaries and revealed that the stolen goods were sold to provide for his girlfriend and spend lavishly on her.

The police said that Laxman had been using the proceeds to maintain a relationship.

"We have been successful in apprehending Laxman based on the CCTV footage, and further investigations are underway," a police official said.

# Pedestrian killed in road accident

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

A pedestrian was killed after he was hit by a container truck near the Kamakshipalya bus stop early Friday morning.

The vehicle was going from Sumanahalli towards Housing Board Colony on the Magadi Main Road.

The man, S. Srinivasayya, who suffered severe injuries on his head, died on the spot. Following the accident, the driver fled the scene. The police said the truck was being rashly driven.

**Case reigistered**

A case has been registered at Kamakshipalya traffic police station. The charges include Section 281, 106(1) of BNS-2023, and Section 134 (A&B), read with Section 187 of the Motor Vehicles Act.

# KIMS is now KMC-RI

**The Hindu Bureau**
HUBBALLI

The Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), which was earlier known as Karnataka Medical College, was officially renamed as Karnataka Medical College and Research Institute (KMC-RI) during the institution's Foundation Day ceremony in Hubballi on Friday.

Minister Sharan Prakash Patil unveiled the nameboard.

# Kidwai to get more equipment for better management of patients

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

For effective management of patients requiring radiation therapy at the State-run Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, the Karnataka Cabinet on Thursday (September 5) approved the acquisition of additional high-end radiation and diagnostic equipment at the institute. Currently, over 500 patients undergo radiation therapy at the institute in three shifts per day.

About 22,000 new cases are registered every year at the 870-bed institute in Bengaluru, out of which over 50% are diagnosed as cancer cases. Overall, the premier cancer care centre in the State sees a footfall of over 2.5 lakh patients per annum. This includes new and follow-up cases. Over 70% of these cancer patients require one or the other form of radiation therapy during their treatment, doctors said.

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The Cabinet on Thursday accorded administrative approval to the institute for procuring a high-energy medical linear accelerator, a low-power medical linear accelerator, an MRI machine, a Surface-guided radiotherapy system and a PET-CT-Scanner at Kidwai Peripheral Cancer Centre (PCC) in Kalaburagi Centre at a total cost of ₹ 70 crores.

Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil told *The Hindu* on Friday that two linear accelerators are being procured to replace the old machines that have been in use since 2007.

### Old machines to go

"Although the machines have a life of around 10 years, they have been used to the maximum and maintenance by the company is not possible now. The institute had a total of seven linear accelerators, of which two need to be replaced," he said.

Unlike in the past, the waiting period for radiation therapy in the institute has been cut down substantially. "Patients now get the therapy as soon as their pre-radiation work is done. With only five of the seven linear accelerators functioning effectively, a third shift for the therapy has been introduced at the institute from February this year from 7 pm to 11 pm. This is to ensure the listed patients get the required radiation therapy on the stipulated day," the Minister said.

### New cases from State

Of around 14 lakh new cancer cases that are reported annually in the country, an estimated 87,500 new cases are from Karnataka. Among males, lung cancer continues to be the most predominant site of cancer, constituting 9.6% of the total male cancers, followed by cancers of the stomach and prostate (6.8%), oesophagus (5.5%) and mouth (5.1%).

Pointing out that radiation therapy is expensive in private hospitals, the Minister said, "Most of the cancer patients seen at Kidwai are from the lower socio-economic strata with rural backgrounds. They cannot afford treatment in the private sector."

### Other approvals

Mr. Patil said the Cabinet has also approved proposals to upgrade the existing 40-bed Institute of Nephro-Urology in Mysuru to a 100-bed facility at a cost of ₹ 117.11 crores, construct a new OPD block in the Institute of Nephro-Urology in Bengaluru for ₹16.15 crore and establish a 150-bed unit of the Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health for ₹221.51 crores in Kalaburagi.

# Traffic curbs for St. Mary's Feast

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Ahead of the St. Mary's Feast on Sunday, September 8, in Shivajinagar, the Bengaluru Traffic Police have announced traffic restrictions and diversions. Vehicular movement will be restricted around several key areas. There will be a total ban on vehicles from Jyothi Café to Russel Market and from Broadway Road to Russel Market. Additionally, all vehicles will be barred from entering Dharmaraja Koil Street, especially from its junction with Old Poor House Road towards Russel Market and Taj Circle.

Additional restrictions will be in force on Cubbon Road from BRV Junction towards the Shivajinagar Bus Stand, with BMTC buses also restricted from using this route. Starting from 2 p.m. on the day of the event, no vehicles will be allowed to pass from Balekundry Circle towards the Shivajinagar Bus Stand.

Parking will be prohibited in areas such as Russel Market, Broadway Road, Cunningham Road, Union Street, M.G. Road, and surrounding locations. However, designated parking spaces have been arranged at Kamaraj Road, Safina Plaza, and other nearby sites. The R.B.A.N.M.S Ground and Muslim Orphanage on Dickenson Road will also serve as parking areas. The traffic restrictions will be enforced from noon to 10 p.m. on September 8, according to the police.


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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

In exercise of the powers vested under section 3D (1) and (2) of National Highways Act 1956 (48 of 1956) with Amended Act of 1997, the Central Government Vide Gazette Notification No. S.O.3724(E) Dated: 02.09.2024 have acquired the lands indicated in the schedule here under for building (widening/four-laning, etc.) maintenance, management and operation of NH-207 from TamilNadu/Karnataka border in the stretch of land from Km. 16.8 to Km. 58.3 in the Hosakote Taluk of Bengaluru Rural District in the state of KARNATAKA.

Under the provisions of sub-section (1), (2), (3) and (4) of section 3(G) of the said Act, the public notice is hereby issued to the land owners and interested persons in such lands notified in the schedule below to appear in person or by an agent or by a legal practitioner on the date and time given below and submit their claims for determining / awarding compensation along with copies of relevant documents viz, Sale, Partition, other deeds of title, RTC's/Katha, Mutations Tax paid receipts and conversion orders etc., with suitable justification for their claim, to the office mentioned below.

If anybody fails to produce the above documents to the Special Land Acquisition Officer and Competent Authority, NHAI, NH-207, Hebbal, Bangalore on the schedule time & date mentioned below, compensation will be awarded as per the records available in the office.

**Place for submission of demands by land owners/interested persons: Office of Special Land Acquisition Officer and Competent Authority, No. 678/3, 1st Main Road, Neerbhavi Kempanna layout, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024.**

| District: Bengaluru Rural | Taluk: Hosakote |
|---|---|
| Name of the Villages | Date and Time of enquiry |
| Chandrapura | Date: 20-09-2024 Time: 11.00 hrs |
| Kurubar Gollahalli | |
| Paramanahalli | |
| Tindlu | |
| Honachanahalli | |
| Devanagondi | |
| Lingadheeramallasandra | |
| Somanapura | |

**Sd/-**
**Special Land Acquisition Officer and Competent Authority,**
**From Tamilnadu/Karnataka border to Hoskote, NH-207**
**Highways Authority of India,**
**Hebbala, Bangalore**

**MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**
**NOTIFICATION**
**New Delhi, the 2nd September, 2024**

**S.O. 3724(E).** - Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, **1958 Dated: 08/05/2024,** published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intension to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/four-laning, etc.), maintenance, management and operation of NH207 in the stretch of land from Km. 16.8 to Km. 58.3 (Tamilnadu/Karnataka Border to Hosakote) in the district of Bangalore Rural in the state of KARNATAKA

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Varthabharathi" and "The Hindu" both dated 25.05.2024; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act; And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

**SCHEDULE**

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the NH-207 in the stretch of land **from Km. 16.8 to Km. 58.3 (Tamilnadu/Karnataka Border to Hosakote) in the district of Bangalore Rural in the state of KARNATAKA**

**District : Bengaluru Rural**
**https://egazette.gov.in**
**Publication date : 02.09.2024**
**https://bhoomirashi.gov.in**

**Scan for notification in English & Hindi**

**Scan for notification in Kannada**

A physical copy of this notification is also available in the office of CALA/PIU/PMU/RO/ED and land owners can see the notification there.



**CORRIGENDUM**

This is to inform the general public, that we have released a Public Notice dated 05-09-2024, in respect of PUBLIC NOTICE we have made **Mrs.Shahira R W/o Mr.Imran Basha A,** is intending to purchase the Scheduled Property from **Mrs.Reshma Shaikh** not **Mr.Shahira R W/o Mr.Imran Basha A,** is intending to purchase the Scheduled Property from **Mrs.Rehma Shaikh.**

**C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES**
**Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN** M.A., LL.B.
**Advocates & Legal Consultants** Bangalore-43
**M : 9845846428, 8660553368**
**E- Mail: rvlaw.76@gmail.com**



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**My client Smt. Hemalatha H, W/o. Sri. N. Chandra Reddy is intending to purchase of schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owners Sri. S. Krishnamurthy & Sri. Balakrishna both are sons of Sri. Shamaiah and residing at No. 64, 7th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, New Extension , Madiwala, Bangalore- 560 068.**

**If any persons, banks, financial institutions etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.**

**SCHEDULE**

**Residential Plot bearing No. 32, Corporation No.64, measuring East to West 30 Ft & North to South 40 Ft, total measuring 1200 Sq. Ft. with dilapidated building existing thereon, formed in the land bearing Sy. No. 84/2 situated at Maruthi Nagar 7th Cross, Thavarekere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded on the : East by : Plot No.31, West by : Earlier Plot No. 33 now formed the Srinivasa Temple Road, North by : Private Property, South by : 30 Feet Road.**

**MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES**
**K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B, & B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates, # 96, 1st Floor, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Bangalore- 68, Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832**
**Bengaluru, Date: 06.09.2024**



**SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY**

**E-Tender Notice No: B-TRD-2024-25-OT-16**
**Dated : 31.08.2024**

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

| Name of the Work | Approx. Value |
|---|---|
| Outsourcing of **1)** TRD maintenance & breakdown activities in Chik Banavar (Excl) - Hassan (Excl) Sec, **2)** Hiring of officer vehicles for Sr.DEE/TRD/Bengaluru, DEE/TRD/Bengaluru and ADEE/TRD/Bangarapet. **3)** Hiring of BD vehicle for the depots of Kunigal and Channarayapatna. | **Rs. 3,66,04,426.07** |

Last date for submission of bids:
**Upto 15:00 Hrs on 23-09-2024**

**For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in**

**Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/ Traction Distribution, Bengaluru**

PUB/401/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25

South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My client propose to purchase the Schedule Property from **Sri. S. PRAKASH,** aged about 64 years, S/o. Sri. S. Somashekar, Residing at No.35/12, "NIRANJANA" Langford Road Cross, **BANGALORE -560025** and he represented to my client that he is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property described below with unrestricted rights of alienation over the same and no other person/s has/have any right, title, interest or claim of whatsoever over the same and the property is free from all encumbrances, charges, mortgage and lien and he has not entered into any Agreement for Sale or any other commitment in respect thereof.

Any person having any right, title, interest or whatsoever claim against the Schedule Property or having any objection of whatsoever nature to the proposed transaction may, within **14 DAYS** hereof, lodge with us his/her/their/its claim in writing in this behalf with the relevant documentary proof in support of such right, title, interest or claim or objection. If no such claim or objection is received within the said period, my client will presume that no person has any such claim and will proceed with the transaction.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

**Item No.1) the Property bearing BBMP New Municipal No.5/1, (Western Portion of Old Site No.5, earlier No.98/1-2, Older No.5, Thavarekere), situated at 2nd Main Road, Thavarekere Layout, Bangalore, Old Ward No. 66, New Ward No. 172 of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, PID No. 66-156-5/1, measuring East to West: (18.75+17.5)/2 feet and North to South : 40-0 feet, totally measuring 725 Sq.ft., and bounded on: East by : Property of Sri. K. Chinnaswamy, West by : Private Property No.8, North by : Property No.4, South by : Road.**

**Item No.2) All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing BBMP New Municipal No. 1/1, (Eastern portion of Old Site No.5, earlier No.98/1-2, Old Corporation No.5/1, Thavarekere), situated at 2nd Main Road, Thavarekere Layout, Bangalore, Old Ward No. 66, New Ward No. 172 of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, PID No. 66-156-1-1, measuring East to West: (18.75+17.5)/2 feet and North to South : 40-0 feet, totally measuring 725 Sq.ft., and bounded on: East by : Private Property, West by : Earlier Property of Sri. T. Sreenivasaiah, now bearing Municipal New No.5/1 belongs to S. Prakash, North by : Property No.4, South by : Road.**

**Srinivasa S.A.,** Advocate
No.79/B, 7th Main, 50 feet Road,
BSK 1st Stage, Bangalore-560 050.
Mob: 9008003449
E-mail : srinilegals@gmail.com
Place : Bangalore Date : 06-09-2024



**Jawaharlal Nehru Aluminium Research Development and Design Centre**
(An Autonomous Body under Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India.)
**Opp. Wadi Police Station. Amravati Road, Wadi Nagpur- 440 023.| www. jnarddc.gov.in**

**भर्ती सूचना / RECRUITMENT NOTICE Advt. No. 41/2024 (Sept. 2024)**

JNARDDC, Nagpur a "Centre of Excellence" for research in the field of bauxite, alumina & aluminium invites applications from Indian nationals for the following contractual posts for Non-ferrous Metals - **Recycling Division.**

| Designation & Monthly Fixed Remuneration | Essential and Desirable Qualifications and Experience with age limit |
|---|---|
| **Contractual Scientist III-A** — **2 (Two) Posts** — **Rs. 1,45,000** | **i) Qualifications & Experience** **Essential:** a) 1st Class (60%) BE / ME or equivalent in (Metallurgy /Chemical / Mechanical / Material Science) b) 15 years relevant experience in non-ferrous metal recycling industry. **Desirable:** a) Consultancy, marketing and promotion in Non Ferrous Metal Sector b) Candidates having work experience of at least 20 years in Non-ferrous Metal Recycling Industry c) Candidates must have good communication skills and good MS office skills **ii) Age limit:** Maximum 50 years |
| **Contractual Scientist III-B** — **2 (Two) Posts** — **Rs. 1,45,000** | **i) Qualifications & Experience** **Essential:** a) Graduation b) 15 years relevant experience in non-ferrous metal recycling industry, **Desirable:** c) Consultancy, marketing and promotion in Non Ferrous Metal Sector d) Candidates having work experience of at least 20 years in Non-ferrous Metal Recycling Industry e) Candidates must have good communication skills and good MS office skills **ii) Age limit:** Maximum 50 years |
| **Contractual Scientist II** — **4 (Four) Posts** — **Rs. 1,20,000** | **i) Qualifications & Experience** **Essential:** a) 1st Class (60%) BE / ME or equivalent in (Metallurgy / Chemical / Mechanical / Material Science) b) 4 years relevant experience in Non-ferrous metal recycling industry. **Desirable:** c) Candidates must have good communication skills and good MS office skills d) Experience of Consultancy, marketing and promotion in Non ferrous Metal Sector **ii) Age limit:** Maximum 45 years |
| **Contractual Scientist I** — **1 (One) Post** — **Rs.1,00,000** | **i) Qualifications & Experience** **Essential:** a) 1st Class (60%) BE / ME or equivalent in (CSE/IT) b) 2 years relevant experience in IT industry. **Desirable:** c) Candidates having work experience of at least 1 year in Non-ferrous Metal Recycling Industry d) Candidates must have good communication skills e) Work Experience of /development and maintenance of website / Network **ii) Age limit:** Maximum - 35 years |
| **Contractual Scientific Assistant - II** — **4 (Four) Posts** — **Rs. 60,000** | **i) Qualifications & Experience** **Essential:** a) Graduate in Engineering / Science (Physics + Chemistry) with min. 55% **Desirable:** a) Relevant experience in operating and maintaining sophisticated equipment like spark-OES / SEM / Furnaces / Mechanical Testing / Metallography b) Candidates must have good communication skills & good MS office skills. **ii) Age limit:** Maximum-30 years |
| **Consultant (Admin)** — **1 (One) post** — **Rs. 1,00,000 pm** | **i) Qualifications & Experience** **Essential:** a) 2nd class (50%) Degree with Diploma or MBA in (HR / Business Management / Personnel Management/ Materials Management / Finance) Or LLB /CA/ICWAI/CS b) 4 years relevant experience in establishment, administration and financial matters. **Desirable:** a) Candidates with good communication skills good MS office skills. Exp. in Govt Sector will be preferred **ii) Age limit:** Maximum - 45 years |

Online applications have to submitted. Hard copy of application will not be accepted. Detailed terms and conditions are available in the Centre's website www.jnarddc.gov.in under the sub-head Career. Application fees is Rs.500/- for everyone. The last date for submission of online applications is 21 days from the date of publication of this advertisement in Employment News.

**Senior Administration Officer**



**e-Tender Notice**
**Mukhay Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana**
**Maharashtra Rural Road Development Association Jalna.**

**e-Tender Notice No. 21/2024-25 (3rd Call)**

Under Mukhya Mantri Gramsadak Yojana, E-Tender is being published on www.mahatenders.gov.in this website after **11:00 o'clock on 09.09.2024**... for the improvement of roads in Jalna district as per the chart shown below. Ends on Dt. **11.09.2024. at 17.00 pm** Respectively.

Further notification & Clarification will be Published on Website.

| E-Tender Notice No. | Fund Head. | Total of Packages/ Number of Works. |
|---|---|---|
| 21/2024-25 (3rd Call) | State Fund (R&D) | 01.Packages.(09 Works.) |

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**e-Procurement Notice**

Jharkhand Education Project Council invites Request for Proposal (RFP) through forSelection of agency for establishment of Smart Class which includes Supply, Installation and maintenance for 5 years of Hardware, Software & Connected accessories in the selected 400 Government Middle schools of Jharkhand.The detail tender document including pre-bid dates, last date of submission etc. can be seen in website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in only. Interested bidder can submit their bid through the portal http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in.

***Notice Ref No. JEPC/ICT/52/76/2024/3263, dated 04/09/2024***

PR 334701 Jharkhand Education Project Council(24-25)D

**Sd/-**
**(Aditya Ranjan)**
**State Project Director**


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# Anti-Terror Cell nabs active CPI (Maoist) member in city

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

A team of Anti-Terror Cell (ATC) of the Central Crime Branch (CCB), Bengaluru City Police, on Thursday morning, nabbed a 35-year-old man, whom they claim is an active member of the proscribed Maoist organisation CPI (Maoist) party, in the city.

The police have identified the arrested as Anirudh Rajan, hailing from Chennai. In the complaint by Mahesh B., Inspector, ATC, CCB, accessed by *The Hindu*, he said they had a tip-off that Anirudh Rajan, hailing from Chennai and an active member of CPI (Maoist), was in Bengaluru for the past few days and was travelling to a different place on a bus from Kempegowda Bus Station.

Alerted by the ATC, a woman sub-inspector, Sulochana from Upparpet Police, caught the accused after his movements raised suspicion, the complaint said. Mr. Mahesh claimed that the accused identified himself as Anirudh Rajan but gave no other details when confronted at the bus station.

However, Mr. Mahesh said when taken to the CCB's Interrogation Centre, Madiwala, he conceded that he was Anirudh Rajan hailing from Chennai and had been a member of CPI (Maoist) for the past five years. He reportedly gave a pendrive in which there were some documents and letterheads of the CPI (Maoist) party. They also raided one of his friend's houses in Indiranagar and claimed to have recovered more incriminating documents. CCB officials have also recovered an Aadhaar card under the pseudonym Vikas Ghatge.

**Underground activities**

CCB officials claimed that Anirudh Rajan was working underground and was assigned the job of a courier of raising funds and organising secret meetings of Naxal sympathisers.

He was also into recruiting cadre for the party, the complaint alleged.

Upparpet Police have now registered a case against him under various sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, Aadhaar Act, 2016, and various sections of Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023.

# Seventh anniversary celebrations of centre of excellence at IIMB

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Mizuho India Japan Study Centre, IIMB, is celebrating the seventh year of its functioning as a centre of excellence at IIMB on September 20 at 3 p.m. During the event, activities at the Centre (academic, research, and outreach) will be reviewed.

The programme also includes a short cultural event focusing on Japanese traditions. For registration visit https://forms.gle/MRoUWKqPYfXMS8Sy9

# Minister releases dictionary of Ayurveda

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

**The five-volume dictionary covers technical terms from 21 sub-categories of Ayurveda**

The University of Transdisciplinary Health Sciences and Technology in Bengaluru has developed a comprehensive five-volume dictionary of Ayurveda (Sanskrit-English-Kannada), which includes 5,000 technical Ayurvedic terms and ancient works on 'Jvara' (fever).

Karnataka Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao officially released the five volumes of the dictionary of Ayurveda and the three books on Jvara at a ceremony held at the university campus on Friday.

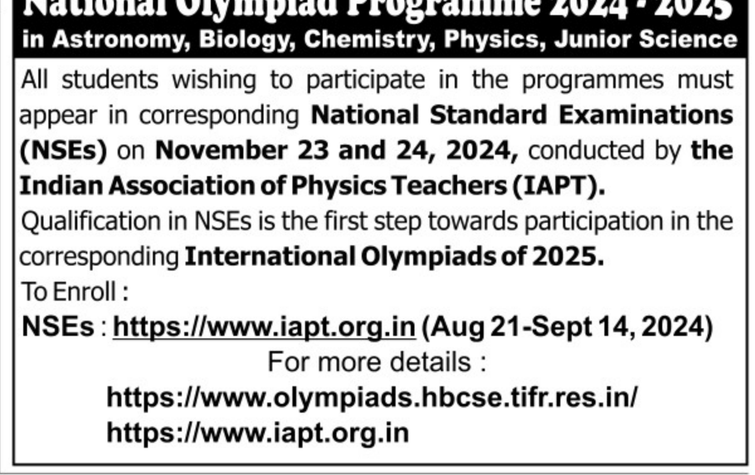
Drawing on numerous classical Ayurvedic texts, each term in the dictionary is presented with its etymological derivation, literal and implied meanings, detailed explanations, and contextual references from relevant Ayurvedic scriptures.

This dictionary brought out with financial support from the AYUSH Department, is a valuable resource not only for students and teachers of Ayurveda but also for the general public and enthusiasts interested in learning about Ayurveda. It covers technical terms from 21 sub-categories of Ayurveda, according to an official release from the university.

Additionally, in India, there are over 100,000 Ayurvedic manuscripts that remain unpublished, with only around 500 of them deciphered, edited, translated, and published.

In light of this, the University has made progress by deciphering, editing, translating, and publishing three manuscripts on Jvara (fever): Jvaratimirabhaskara, Sarvajvarasamucchayadarpana, and Jvaratrishati. These works, published in both English and Kannada, include illustrations, a glossary of technical terms, methods for preparing medicinal recipes, and references. This initiative has also been financially supported by the AYUSH Department, the release stated.

Apart from the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Darshan Shankar, top officials from the Health and AYUSH departments were present.



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# Study shows worsening air quality in Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Mysuru

PM2.5 levels five to six times higher than WHO guidelines in Bengaluru, says Greenpeace report

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

New research by Greenpeace India has revealed that air quality in Bengaluru, Mangaluru, and Mysuru has come down drastically and that air pollution is on the rise.

The Greenpeace report "Spare the Air-2" also flags serious health concerns as the average particulate matter (PM) 2.5 and PM10 levels soar in 10 major cities of southern India, significantly exceeding the air quality guidelines set by the World Health Organization.

Short-term exposure to PM2.5 is associated with a heightened risk of mortality in India, even at levels well below the current Indian PM2.5 standards. FILE PHOTO

**Across cities**

The report analysed the air quality standards of Hyderabad, Chennai, Kochi, Mangaluru, Amravati, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Bengaluru, Mysuru and Puducherry.

The study found that when compared with WHO guidelines, the annual average PM2.5 levels are found to be six to seven times higher in Mangaluru and other cities like Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Kochi, Amaravati, and Chennai.

"Additionally, comparing PM10 levels with WHO guidelines reveals that Bengaluru, Puducherry, and Mysuru have annual averages that exceed these guidelines by four to five times," it states.

One of the key highlights of the study states that the monthly average trend in Bengaluru city shows that PM2.5 levels are five to six times higher, and PM10 levels are 3 to 4.5 times higher than WHO annual guidelines in all months.

"Meanwhile, PM10 exceeds National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) annual limits in February, March, April, October, November, and December," it said.

This report also mentions a recent *Lancet* report, which highlights that short-term exposure to PM2.5 (particulate matter of diameter 2.5 micrometres or less) is associated with a heightened risk of mortality in India, even at levels well below the current Indian PM2.5 standards.

"Clean air is fundamental to our health, yet this report reveals that particulate matter levels in all cities have surpassed the revised WHO guidelines. While current efforts are focused on cities not meeting the NAAQS, it is crucial to also address those cities that are currently in compliance," Akanksha Singh, lead researcher of the report, said.

**Recommendations**

The report has also advocated for new NAAQ standards considering the unique pollution profiles and climatic conditions of South Indian cities. It also recommends increased investment towards developing a hybrid air quality monitoring network facilitating real-time public access to air quality information.

# 462 mobile tanks, 41 lakes designated for Ganesha idol immersion

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

People buying Ganesha idols on Kanakapura Road in Bengaluru on Friday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Ahead of the Ganesha festival, the city's markets bustled with activity on Friday, with people purchasing Ganesha idols, colourful flowers, fruits, banana stalks, and mango leaves.

While the rising price of festival essentials was a common complaint, many were pleasantly surprised to find that the cost of some fruits, like apples and flowers, like jasmine, had actually come down.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike has put in place 462 mobile immersion tanks and designated 41 *kalyanis* (tanks by the side of lakes) for immersion of the Ganesha idol. On Saturday, residents and pandal committees will install the idols in their homes and community spaces. After a few days of worship, they will be taken out in a procession and immersed. The east zone has the most number of mobile tanks, 138, while Yelahanka has the highest number of designated lakes, 10.

**Single-window system**

The BBMP has established a single-window system for obtaining permissions related to idol installation, loudspeaker usage, processions, and immersions. In collaboration with other agencies, the civic body has formed 63 teams, each consisting of four nodal officers from the BBMP, police, Bescom, and Fire and Emergency Services. Over the next 11 days, the BBMP expects immersion of 1.75 lakh idols. The window for processions and immersions is open from September 7 to 17. After September 17, immersion will not be allowed.

The BBMP has banned the immersion of plaster of Paris (PoP) idols.

BBMP workers getting a tank by the side of the Yediyur lake ready for Ganesha idol immersion, on Friday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

# CET, NEET: 2nd round of seat allotment from tomorrow

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The process for the second round of seat allotment for professional courses, including medical and engineering, will begin on Sunday. The details of available seats for the allotment will be published at 11 a.m. on the same day. Candidates will have the opportunity to modify their options from 2 p.m. on September 8 until September 11, said H. Prasanna, Executive Director of the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA). The date for the second round results will be announced later, he mentioned.

In connection with NEET, after the second round of seat allotment, candidates will not be allowed to make any further choices. It will be mandatory for the candidate to secure admission to the allotted seat. If a candidate fails to pay the fee and secure admission, legal action may be taken against them. Therefore, candidates should only register for colleges they genuinely prefer, he advised.

As for the second round of seat allotment for CET, after the results, candidates can choose any one option according to their preference. More details on this will be provided soon, he added.

Candidates who secured government-quota medical seats in private colleges or private-quota seats in private colleges during the first round of UG-NEET must submit their original documents to KEA between September 9 and 12. Candidates who have chosen "Choice-2" and paid the fee may also submit their original documents on these dates, he clarified.

# Three-day space expo in city from Sept. 18

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The eighth edition of the Bengaluru Space Expo 2024 and International Conference and Exhibition is scheduled from September 18 to 20 at BIEC here.

The three-day event will include an exhibition and an international conference themed around 'Accelerating tomorrow: harnessing the potential of space sector for unified expansion'.

ISRO said the event would serve as an ideal platform for Indian and international space agencies and companies to interact and explore newer business opportunities, showcase their strengths in the space arena, and explore partnership opportunities for the future.

**Government initiatives**

The event will also highlight the initiatives undertaken by the Indian government to encourage and engage Indian industries in the space sector, as well as foster collaboration with international space agencies.

More than 250 space companies, 10,000 business visitors, and 250 delegates are expected to participate in the event which will also feature pavilions from 10 countries.

**Growth**

"India's space sector has witnessed remarkable growth over the past few decades due to path-breaking technological advancements and determined efforts of ISRO, reflecting the nation's commitment to space exploration and innovations. The space sector in India is experiencing a significant transformation with the opening of the space sector to private companies," ISRO said while announcing the expo.

It added that currently, India's share in the global space economy stands at 2-3%, yet it holds great potential for increased space commerce for new entrants. Implementation of the Indian Space Policy - 2023 and related amendments to the FDI policy, wherein 100% overseas investment in manufacturing components for satellite, ground, and user segments is permitted, will stimulate the growth of private sector, leading to increase in the India's market share in global space business.

# JSW Renew Energy inks solar power purchase pact with Bescom

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

JSW Renew Energy Twenty Ltd., a subsidiary of JSW Energy, has signed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) for a 300 MW solar project. The project, awarded by the Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Ltd., will be developed at the Pavagada Solar Park, one of India's largest solar parks.

Energy Minister K.J. George announced the agreement and said, "This 300 MW solar project will enhance Karnataka's energy security and help reduce carbon emissions." The project is scheduled to be commissioned within the next 18 months and will supply power at a tariff of ₹2.89 per KW per hour until 2044. "Karnataka is keen to increase its renewable energy share," Mr. George said. "Karnataka is a leader in India's green energy transition. This project supports India's goal of achieving 500 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030, and further solidifies Karnataka's standing in the clean energy sector," he added.

# Exhibition on fireflies at Chitrakala Parishath

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

"Tejaswi Jeevaloka-12 - Fireflies World," a photography exhibition-cum-workshop on fireflies, will be held at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath here from September 8 to 15. The event commemorates the birth anniversary of the renowned poet, the late K.P. Poornachandra Tejaswi (September 8, 1938 - April 5, 2007).

The exhibition will offer a platform for attendees to interact with experts from 10.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. throughout the week-long event, according to a press release.

Poornachandra Tejaswi dedicated his life to raising awareness about environmental issues through his research and literary works. Researchers note that fireflies are valuable indicators of environmental quality. "The lives of such eco-friendly fireflies are in danger today. Much harm to them is caused by mankind affecting their habitat due to extreme urbanisation, reckless development and the overuse of pesticides. Also troubling them are the artificial lights prevailing in human life," said the release.

Despite their importance, research on fireflies in India remains limited. Inspired by Tejaswi, some volunteers are making efforts to promote awareness and conservation through studies and photography, the release added.

Tejaswi was a prominent Kannada writer and novelist, as well as a photographer, publisher, painter, naturalist, and environmentalist. In addition to his literary contributions, he was actively involved in conservation and environmental activism.

# Painting competition tomorrow

**The Hindu Bureau**
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Basaveshwaranagara Souhardha Credit Cooperative Ltd. will host a spot painting competition on Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon at M. Sambhamurthy Park, Gruhalakshmi Layout, First Stage, Basaveshwarnagar.

**Five groups**

It will be held in five groups: the Montessori and pre-nursery; LKG, UKG and 1st standard; 2nd, 3rd and 4th Standard; 5th, 6th and 7th standard; and 8th, 9th and 10th standard.

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Participants must bring their painting materials; drawing sheets will be provided, according to the organisers.

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# Betting on sleep

Following a new report that Indians are the most sleep-deprived after the Japanese, the Swedish brand, Ikea, presents a collection designed to help insomniacs

LIFESTYLE

Aatish Nath

Swedish home furnishings brand Ikea has come to understand that to sleep well, there are six essentials working together. They are comfort, light, temperature, sound, air quality, and decluttering.

Ikea's internal findings have delved into how people sleep and what's preventing a good night's rest, with the investigation throwing up a host of interesting insights. Adosh Sharma, Country Commercial Manager, Ikea India, says, "We are keen to understand how people live," and this year, how they sleep. He notes, "Interestingly, the report reveals that Indians are the second most sleep-deprived people in the world after the Japanese. We sleep less than seven hours [a night] and a good 33% feel they're not able to get the right amount of sleep."

Taking these into account, the Swedish brand has designed a range of products – from noise-absorbing curtains and air purifiers, to dimmers and duvets. The holistic look means that each of the six essentials is addressed in some way, helping repair bad sleeping habits. After all, it's not just the hours of sleep that matter, but creating a routine from bedtime to waking up the next morning.

Bhavana Jaiswal, Country eCommerce Manager, Ikea India
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

## Coir mattresses for better support

Jasmeet Sood, Country Home Furnishings and Retail Design Manager, Ikea India, says, "Anything we do, any business priority – everything has data and insights [behind it]." The industry report for example was collated over 12 months and features respondents from 18 countries.

When it comes to the basics though, Sharma notes that in India there's a preference for coir mattresses, as Indians prefer firmer support when sleeping. So, he says, "About 70% of the range of mattresses we sell in India comes from India itself." The company has also realised that Indians prefer printed bedsheets and so have introduced a whole range for the local market.

Devanshi Chatterjee from Kolkata says she has just moved homes, and bought a lot from Ikea. However, she says, "I don't think I would buy textiles from Ikea, given the country's rich weaving tradition. I am glad the brand is sourcing and making in India though, as it reduces the carbon footprint and positively impacts the livelihood of artisans across the country."

With the brand's financial year starting in September, we're speaking on the sidelines of Ikea Ikonic, a presentation to showcase new launches and exciting developments by the brand. So, in addition to the slew of sleep-focused products, the brand also showcased its newest Aromatisk collection – a yearly drop that's timed with the country's festive season. The colour palette of its floor cushions and serving bowls, throws and door mats features marigold orange and rani pink, a staple of Indian celebrations.

On the technology front, there are also developments like Ikea Kreativ – an AI-enabled tool that lets users scan a room and then start placing furniture inside to see how it would all look. Kreativ has been rolled out in various countries. Bhavana Jaiswal, Country eCommerce Manager, Ikea India, explains, "It uses spatial computing, mixed reality and machine learning to allow customers to visualise and design their spaces on the phone."

As in the past, the company is continuing to source from the country, having started that journey over four decades ago. Sharma says, "Today, a good 30% of what we sell in the country is manufactured in India. That number is slowly increasing on a yearly basis and we hope it would go up further."

That said, the brand's journey in India is just beginning.

*The writer is based in Mumbai.*

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# CM: Will tap more Western Ghat streams to ensure Kolar, Chickballapur get water from Yettinahole

Shivakumar describes inauguration of first stage of the project as 'historic' and says the govt. brought 'Gange and Gowri together' by holding the ceremony on the day of Gowri festival

**Sathish G.T.**
HEBBANAHALLI (HASSAN DISTRICT)

**Wait ends:** Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and other dignitaries at the inauguration of the Yettinahole Integrated Drinking Water Supply Project at Hebbanahalli in Sakleshpur taluk of Hassan district on Friday. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

The Karnataka government will ensure people of Kolar and Chickballapur get water from the Yettinahole Integrated Drinking Water Supply Project by tapping a few more streams in the Western Ghats, said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday.

After inaugurating the first stage of the project at Hebbanahalli in Sakleshpur taluk, Mr. Siddaramaiah said people of Chickballapur and Kolar had doubts if water lifted from the streams such as Yettinahole would reach their region.

"I have spoken to Visvesaraya Jala Nigam Ltd. (VJNL) engineers and understood that on average 19 tmcft of water was available in the streams in the last 10 years. Of the total 24.01 tmcft of water expected, 14.056 tmcft is for drinking purposes. There is no shortage of water for drinking water," he said.

**Average availability**

However, considering the average availability in the last 10 years, there was a shortage of 5 tmcft to fulfil the project. "I have told Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar to conduct a survey on further availability of water in other streams in the area. There could be another 7 to 8 tmcft of water available. We will fulfil the needs of people in Kolar and Chickballapur," he said.

Further, the Chief Minister said he was happy because he laid the foundation stone for the project in 2014 and also got an opportunity to inaugurate the project now.

The Chief Minister and other Ministers switched on the pumping station at Doddanagara, and after the water pumped from deliver chamber no. 3 (DC-3) reached DC-4, they offered *bagina* at Hebbanahalli. The project has been designed to carry water to drought-prone areas of seven districts Hassan, Chikkamagaluru, Tumakuru, Chickballapur, Kolar, Bengaluru Rurual, and Ramanagara.

Mr. Shivakumar described the inauguration of the first stage of the project as "a historic day" in the State. "We have brought Gange (water) and Gowri together by holding the inaugural ceremony on the day of Gowri festival," he said.

**'Not an easy job'**

Calling the execution of the project a "Bhagiratha prayathna", Mr. Shivakumar said lifting water from streams in the Western Ghats was not an easy job. "A few vested interests opposed the project and instigated some people to move the National Green Tribunal against the project. However, the NGT disposed of all the objections in 2017 and allowed the project," he said.

Mr. Shivakumar said he and the government faced many comments and criticism for taking up the project. "Comments and criticism will fade away. Only the good works will remain for long," he said. Further, he assured people of drought-prone districts and elected representatives from those areas that the project would be completed by 2027 and would ensure 75 lakh people get the benefit.

**Forest hurdles**

Minister for Cooperation K.N. Rajanna, who is also Minister in charge of Hassan district, said the water would have been carried to the target area by now if the forest hurdles were cleared. "The project was delayed due to objections by the Forest Department at 20 locations. I appeal to the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister to resolve the obstacles and ensure the distribution canal works are completed at the earliest," he said.

## Water to reach two districts by Nov. 2026

**The Hindu Bureau**
HEBBANAHALLI

Visvesaraya Jala Nigam Ltd. (VJNL), the agency implementing the Yettinahole Integrated Drinking Water Supply Project, is hopeful of carrying water to Kolar and Chickballapur districts by November 2026, and completing the ambitious project by March 31, 2027.

After the inauguration of the first stage of the project, water collected by building weirs across the west-flowing streams is being diverted to Vani Vilas Sagar in Hiriyur taluk of Chitradurga district temporarily.

This arrangement has been made as the gravity canals to carry water to the areas in Chickballapur, Kolar, and other districts are incomplete as of now.

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**Course of the water**

Water released from the delivery chamber no. 4 (DC-4) at Hebbanahalli will flow for about 31 km and take a diversion towards Vani Vilas Sagar valley. Water will fill the Halebid tank (Dorasamudra), Belawadi tank, and a few other tanks in Kadur taluk before reaching Vani Vilas Sagar. The reservoir is about 132 km from the canal escape point.

Water will be pumped at the rate of 1,500 cusecs for the next 60 days, filling the Vani Vilas Sagar with 5 tmcft of water.

Sannachittaiah, VJNL MD, said the government had been working towards completing the project by 2027, by clearing all hurdles. "As per our plan, water will reach Arsikere and Tumakuru by June 2025. By November 2025, the gravity canal will be completed up to Lakkenahalli, which is the end point at a total length 252.61 km."

From there, water will need to be pumped again to carry it to parts of Kolar and Chickballapur. "We are hopeful of taking water to Kolar and Chickballapur districts by November 2026. The project will be over by March 31, 2027," he said.

The project benefits 6,657 villages and 38 towns in 29 taluks of seven districts. Of around 24.01 tmcft of water lifted from the west-flowing streams, 14.056 tmcft will be utilised for drinking purposes. The remaining 9.953 tmcft will be utilised to fill 527 tanks up to 50%. Of the total estimated cost of ₹23,251.66 crore, ₹16,152.05 crore has been spent so far. "We will spend ₹2,000 crore each year and complete the project by 2027," the officer said.

## Will sufficient water be available?

**The Hindu Bureau**
HEBBANAHALLI

Visvesaraya Jala Nigam Ltd. has maintained that there will be no shortage to fulfil the primary objective of providing water for people in drought-prone districts under the Yettinahole Integrated Drinking Water Supply Project. Many environmentalists, however, have often raised doubts over the availability of water for the project.

The project has been designed to lift 24.01 tmcft of water from the west-flowing streams in the Western Ghats.

VJNL managing director Sannachittaiah said the project involved supplying water for drinking purposes and filling 527 tanks. Of the total 24.01 tmcft, as much as 14.056 tmcft would be utilised for drinking water purposes in seven districts. The remaining 9.953 tmcft to recharge the groundwater table by filling tanks up to 50%.

**Tanks not key**

"There will be no shortage of water for drinking purposes. It is okay if we don't get sufficient water to fill tanks every year. We can manage if we fill tanks once in two years. However, we have gauge readings of the last six years and an average of 20 tmcft is available," he said.

**Depends on rain**

The officer added that the government also looked forward to the "blessings of *Varuna deva*". "The project needs the blessings of the rain god," the officer said.

According to local people and environmentalists, the work related to the Yettinahole project was one of the reasons for the recent landslips. However, Mr. Sannachittaiah contradicted the argument.

"The landslips occurred due to non-stable slope in the highway works. At one location near Harley village, landslips occurred because of non-maintenance of the culvert meant for the flow of rainwater. Yettinahole project works have nothing to do with the landslips," the officer said.

## Reconsider 18% GST on health insurance, State urges Centre

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Dinesh Gundu Rao

The State government on Friday urged the Centre to reconsider the 18% Goods and Services Tax (GST) for the middle-income and low-income policyholders on health insurance.

In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao urged him to recommend to the GST Council, which is due to meet on September 9, to reconsider the 18% GST on health insurance. This will certainly be a positive step in achieving universal insurance in the year 2047, Mr. Rao said in the letter.

Pointing out that the GST on health insurance is in one of the highest brackets of taxation at 18% and has been so since 2017, the Minister said: "This is despite several protests from all stakeholders, including politicians and policymakers across the board. A GST so high on what is an essential service/necessity, especially in a post-pandemic world, is draconian to say the least and definitely not what a welfare State should be doing."

He said, "A high rate of GST has a direct impact on the cost of premiums, which means that health insurance is now more expensive. The rising cost, while not discernible to the upper economic classes, has a cataclysmic effect on economically weaker sections to whom even a marginal increase in the premium makes it inaccessible to purchase. So, in that circumstance, they choose to either forgo another necessity to afford the premiums or, more often than not, avoid getting health insurance at all, which leaves them and their family exposed to a medical emergency which may leave them in severe financial distress.

"While the rationale for such a high GST has never been explained, as the Health Minister in one of the States which is a pioneer in medical education and infrastructure, I see the positive impact of our cashless State health insurance scheme along with the added protection of purchased health insurance which acts as a buffer in case of larger emergencies," he said in the letter.

Mr. Rao has also written to his counterparts in six non-BJP-ruled States – Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Punjab, and West Bengal – urging them to raise their voice in the GST Council meeting.

## Committee set up to analyse potential for asset monetisation

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The State government has set up an expert committee for analysing the potential for asset monetisation, particularly land in and around Bengaluru, for generating revenue to the State exchequer.

The committee is headed by K.P. Krishnan, retired IAS officer. Members of the panel are Najib Shah, former chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, H. Shashidhar, retired IAS officer, and Krishnaraju, professor, ISEC, Bengaluru, and Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department (secretary of the panel). The term of the committee is one year, said a notification issued by the government.

The committee will provide a roadmap for asset monetisation and its transparent and timely implementation. This would aid in further mobilisation of non-tax revenues.

The proposal for setting up the panel was announced in the State Budget for 2024-25. The government is actively proposing to monetise at least 25,000 acres of land in and around Bengaluru to raise resources. The monetisation of land is among the measures suggested by consultancy major Boston Consulting Group (BCG). BCG is the consulting partner for the government for Invest Karnataka.

The government has preliminarily identified land parcels for monetisation in Hoskote and in Bidadi. These land parcels come under the Bangalore Metropolitan Region Development Authority. Land parcels under the Bangalore Development Authority are also under consideration for monetisation, sources said.

## Electricity subsidy limit abolished

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government has abolished the electricity subsidy limit for power loom and pre-loom units.

Agriculture Marketing Minister Shivanand Patil on Friday said this decision would help every weaver to save at least ₹40,000 a year. Units having 10.1 HP to 20 HP capacity would be fully subsidised and weavers would have to pay only ₹1.25 per unit of electricity. He said that 4,000 units would avail of the benefit.

Till now only 500 units have been availing themselves of the benefit, he said.

**MAHATRANSCO** Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/59 -2024-25**

The due Date and Time of submission and opening of following SRM e-tender is extended as follows:

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|---|---|---|
| SP/T-0634/0924 [3rd Call] [RFX No.7000033126] (Two Bid System) SITC of capacitor banks of voltage ratings of 11kV, 22kV & 33kv-305 MVAR in Phase-VI [6.4] at various EHV substations under Pune zone in MSETCL. | 2082.20 Lakhs / 25000.00 | 12.09.2024 Up to 17:00 Hrs. 12.09.2024 at 17:15 Hrs. |

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| SP/T-0519/0924 [RFX No. 5000001279] [2nd Call] (Two Bid System) Procurement of 500MVA, 765/400/33kV, 1-ϕ (03 Nos.) ICT along with Virgin High Grade Inhibited Insulating Oil conforming to IEC 60296 for 765kV R.S. Ektuni under Augmentation Scheme at Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar Zone. | Rs. 6450.69 / Rs. 25000.00 (excluding taxes) | 19.09.2024 Up to 16:00 Hrs. 19.09.2024 at 16:15 Hrs. |
| Pre-bid meeting Date, Time & Venue | **Date:** 09.09.2024 **Time:** 14:30 Hrs. **Venue:** 8th Floor, MSETCL C.O. 'Prakashganga' Plot No. C-19, E-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400051 | |

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## Green gram, sunflower seeds, soybean, black gram to be purchased at support price

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The reinstatement of the Agricultural Produce and Marketing Committee (APMC) Act has benefited farmers, and four crops – green gram, sunflower seeds, soybean, and black gram – will be purchased under the support price scheme, said Agriculture Marketing Minister Shivanand Patil on Friday.

The APMCs are expected to fetch revenue of ₹400 crore in 2024-25 following the setting up of vigilance cells to check frauds, he said.

At a press meet, he said an order was issued on September 5 to start the procurement of soybean and black gram. The government has already appointed agencies to procure pulses and sunflower seeds at support price.

**Quantity**

A maximum of 15 quintals of sunflower seeds and 10 quintals of green gram will be purchased from each farmer.

The price of quality soybean has been fixed at ₹4,892 a quintal and for long grain ones at ₹7,400 a quintal. About 10 lakh quintals of soybean and two lakh quintals of black gram will be procured at support price, he said. He said 4.72 lakh tonnes of soybean yield was expected from 4.1 lakh hectares and 0.4 lakh tonnes of black gram yield from 0.77 lakh hectares in 2024-25.

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## Mahesh Goud is new TPCC president

**The Hindu Bureau**
HYDERABAD

Congress MLC and working president of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud, 58, was appointed the TPCC chief on Friday.

All India Congress Committee general secretary K.C. Venugopal, in a release issued on Friday, said Mr. Goud has been named the new PCC chief.

By appointing Mr. Goud as the fourth State unit chief after the formation of Telangana, the party's central leadership has once again struck a delicate balance and stuck to caste equation.

While Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy hails from the Reddy community, Mr. Mahesh Kumar Goud comes from the Goud community among the backward classes.

# Central team to visit flood-hit Andhra Pradesh, Telangana

Centre has been extending all requisite and timely assistance to the Telugu States; the team will make recommendations for additional aid under the NDRF, says Home Ministry official

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

An Inter-Ministerial Central Team (ICMT) will soon visit the flood-affected areas in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for making an on-the-spot assessment of the damage, said an official from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Friday.

The Centre has been extending all requisite and timely assistance to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for flood relief, Sanjeev Kumar Jindal, Additional Secretary, MHA said.

He stated that 26 teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), eight helicopters of the Indian Air Force (IAF), and three helicopters and one Dornier aircraft of the Indian Navy have been mobilised in Andhra Pradesh for rescue and relief operations. Seven teams of the NDRF and two IAF helicopters had also been mobilised in Telangana, he said.

**No roads:** A view of the flood-affected regions of Vijayawada amid torrential rains on Friday. ANI

He said on the night of September 1, as floodwaters entered many areas, additional NDRF teams and IAF helicopters were mobilised to assist the State governments following a directive of Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

"On the directions of the Home Minister, a Central team of experts has been deputed for Vijayawada to make an on-the-spot assessment of flood management, reservoir management, issues of dam safety and to make recommendations on immediate relief from the flood," he said.

The NDRF teams, so far, have rescued 350 people and evacuated about 15,000 others in Andhra Pradesh while in Telangana, they have rescued 68 people and evacuated about 3,200 others.

Mr. Jindal said the IMCT will visit the flood-affected areas in both the States soon for making an on-the-spot assessment of the damage.

## Kerala woman alleges sexual abuse by three police officers in 2022

**The Hindu Bureau**
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala government appeared to be on the defensive on Friday after a woman accused at least three police officers who served in Malappuram in 2022 of sexually exploiting her. The woman came on several news channels on Friday, her face blurred, to level grave accusations of abuse and exploitation against the then District Police Chief, Malappuram, Sujith Das; Deputy Superintendent of Police, Tirur, V.V. Benny; and Circle Inspector, Ponnani, Vinod Valiyatoor.

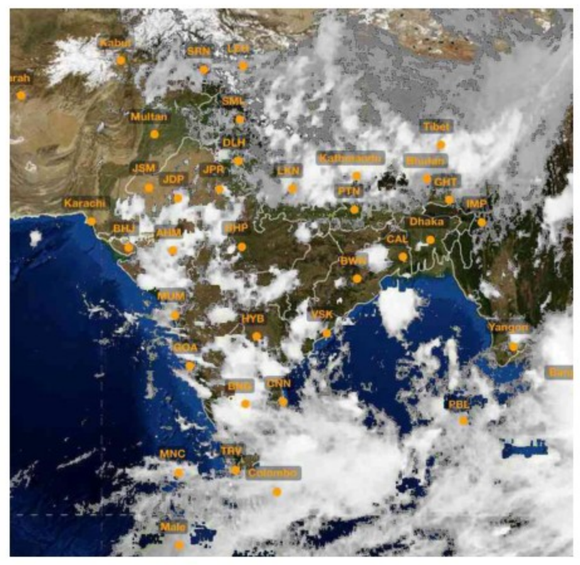
She said she had broached the matter with Left Democratic Front Independent legislator P.V. Anvar and found the courage to publicly air her grievances after the MLA complained against Mr. Das to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

Mr. Das, Mr. Benny, and Mr. Valiyatoor countered the woman's accusations, terming them false and malicious. Mr. Das said the woman's statement that he had sexually exploited her was false. Mr. Das suspected a conspiracy that warranted a criminal investigation and would petition the government for an inquiry by the CBI.

Meanwhile, CPI(M) leader P. Jayarajan's son, Jain Raj, portrayed Mr. Benny in a Facebook post as an officer proficient in "ensnaring" party workers in false cases.

## WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday




TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

**Forecast for Saturday:** Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Saurashtra & Kutch, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Jharkhand, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Odisha, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa and Karnataka

| CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN | CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Agartala | 32 | 34.0 | 25.4 | Kozhikode | 0.3 | 33.4 | 25.2 |
| Ahmedabad | — | 32.2 | 25.0 | Kurnool | 27 | 31.6 | 24.0 |
| Aizawl | 4 | 34.3 | 22.8 | Lucknow | 11 | 33.7 | 26.0 |
| Allahabad | 8 | 34.9 | 25.7 | Madurai | — | 40.1 | 26.5 |
| Bengaluru | — | 26.8 | 21.2 | Mangaluru | 24 | 28.8 | 23.5 |
| Bhopal | 14 | 31.4 | 23.6 | Mumbai | 10 | 31.6 | 25.6 |
| Bhubaneswar | 4.6 | 33.8 | 26.0 | Mysuru | — | 30.0 | 20.0 |
| Chandigarh | — | 36.0 | 26.8 | New Delhi | 37 | 32.6 | 23.4 |
| Chennai | — | 32.3 | 26.7 | Patna | 0.2 | 33.9 | 24.5 |
| Coimbatore | — | 33.0 | 23.5 | Port Blair | 0.2 | 30.0 | 26.7 |
| Dehradun | 1 | 32.8 | 23.6 | Puducherry | — | 32.4 | 23.2 |
| Gangtok | 2 | 25.0 | 17.5 | Pune | 6 | 29.1 | 22.1 |
| Goa | 0.9 | 31.4 | 26.0 | Raipur | — | 33.4 | 24.2 |
| Guwahati | 4 | 36.3 | 26.5 | Ranchi | 21 | 31.2 | 23.1 |
| Hubballi | — | 28.0 | 23.0 | Shillong | — | 27.5 | 17.0 |
| Hyderabad | 13 | 30.8 | 22.9 | Shimla | 26 | 25.4 | 19.2 |
| Imphal | — | 32.3 | 23.0 | Srinagar | 4 | 27.6 | 18.0 |
| Jaipur | 10 | 30.0 | 25.7 | Thiruvananthapuram | 2 | 31.1 | 25.0 |
| Kochi | 10 | 30.0 | 25.0 | Tiruchi | — | 36.5 | 27.8 |
| Kohima | 35 | 28.2 | 17.6 | Vijayawada | 1 | 32.0 | 26.4 |
| Kolkata | 1 | 35.8 | 26.9 | Visakhapatnam | 10 | 33.6 | 25.8 |

*(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)*

**Pollutants in the air you are breathing**

| CITIES | $SO_2$ | $NO_2$ | CO | PM2.5 | PM10 | CODE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ahmedabad | .40 | ..19 | 15 | ..... 50 | ....80 | ..... |
| Bengaluru | .11 | ..18 | 49 | ..... 25 | ...128 | ..... |
| Chennai | ..— | ..40 | 65 | ..... 29 | ....52 | ..... |
| Delhi | ...3 | 104 | 69 | ... 126 | ...107 | ..... |
| Hyderabad | .16 | ..10 | 46 | ..... 46 | ....74 | ..... |
| Kolkata | ...6 | ..64 | 66 | ..... 32 | ....51 | ..... |
| Lucknow | .10 | ....5 | 19 | ..... 66 | ....65 | ..... |
| Mumbai | ...2 | ..11 | 21 | ..... 47 | ....62 | ..... |
| Pune | ...6 | ..25 | 80 | ..... 31 | ....33 | ..... |
| Visakhapatnam | ...9 | ..38 | 33 | ... 113 | ...113 | ..... |

**Yesterday**

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Jalna, Maharashtra recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 310 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 24

**Air Quality Code:** Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

**$SO_2$:** Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

**$NO_2$:** Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

**CO:** Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

**PM2.5 & PM10:** Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

# Telangana pegs losses due to recent rain at ₹5,438 cr.

**The Hindu Bureau**
HYDERABAD

The Telangana government has estimated the preliminary losses on account of the recent heavy rain that lashed different parts of the State at ₹5,438 crore.

The departments are continuing the enumeration of losses and the quantum may increase once the final assessment of the situation is made. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy made a fervent appeal to the Union government to release funds for temporary repairs as well as for permanent restoration measures.

### 'Relax guidelines'

The Chief Minister said the Centre should relax guidelines pertaining to the utilisation of aid from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF). Earlier, States could utilise the NDRF funding after spending 50% of their State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), but the rules have been changed, allowing the use of the NDRF only after spending 100% of the SDRF, he added.

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy briefs Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on rain-related damage in Hyderabad. PTI

He made the request to Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who accompanied by Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay Kumar, conducted an areal visit of the affected districts on Friday.

Explaining to Mr. Chouhan about the calamity, the Chief Minister said several parts of the State received rainfall of 40 cm on a single day and villages bore the brunt of the rain.

The Chief Minister explained that the Centre should extend assistance to Telangana on a par with Andhra Pradesh, treating both States equally.

**Government of Karnataka**
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**No. DUDC/SWM/CR/38/2018-19** **Date : 03-09-2024**

**TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP portal only)**

The Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar District, Chamarajanagar invites tender through KPP procurement plotfarm from eligible Contractors under Swachha Bharat Mission 2.0 Project, details as follows. 1) Swachha Bharat Mission for Development Works of Integrated Solid Waste Management facility at SWM Site Yelandur TP as per DPR Estimated Cost : 208.20 Lakhs, EMD Amount : Rs. 3.13 Lakhs, period - 09 months. 2) **Name of the Work :** Construction of MRF (Material Recovery Facility) Shed as CMC Chamarajanagar SWM Site. Estimated Cost : 105.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount : Rs. 1.57 Lakhs period - 06 months, 3) **Name of Work :** Construction of MRF (Material Recovery Facility) Shed at CMC Chamarajanagar SWM Site. Estimate Cost : 105.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount : Rs. 1.57 Lakhs Period - 06 months, & 4) **Name of the Work :** Construction of MRF (Material Recovery Facility) Shed at TMC Gundlupet, TP Hanur & TP Yelandur SWM Site's. Estimated Cost : 96.50 Lakhs. EMD Amount Rs. 1.93 Lakhs period - 06 months. Last date for submission of bids for all the tenders is : 21.09.2024 5.30 P.M. Prebid Meeting Venue & date : 12-09-2024 at 11.00 A.M. (Room No. 127, DUDC, DC Office, Chamarajanagar), Date of opening of tenders technical bids : 23.09.2024 at 11.00 A.M. & Date of opening of Financial bids : Informed to technically qualified bidders, Interested Contractor's shall register on the Kpp platform to participate in this tender, contractors can download the tender documents from KPP procurement platform (www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in). Tenders shall be submitted electronically at www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in EMD and tender processing fees shall also be paid electronically. For further details go through tender document or contact District Urban Development Cell, DC Office, Chamarajanagar during office hours.

**Sd/- Deputy Commissioner**
Chamarajanagar District, Chamarajanagar

**DIPR : CHANAGAR:231:2024-25**

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**Short Term Tender Notification**
**(E-procurement Portal Only)**

CESC, Mysore invites Short Term Tender from eligible bidders for the following.

| Sl. No. | Name of the works | Enquiry no. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Procurement of Computer and UPS to various offices of CESC. | CESC/IT & MIS/ 2024-25/01 |

The works & tender details can be obtained through KPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** on or after **10-09-2024.** For clarification regarding KPP portal please contact help desk **+91-8046010000/ 8068948777** or e-mail address support@eprochelpdesk.com.

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**TENDER NOTIFICATION**

Sub: Tender no. SNSI/2024-25/SE0004 dated 05.09.2024 for providing technicians to monitor the operation of Tissue Culture laboratory at S. Nijalingappa Sugar Institute, Belagavi is floated.

1 The Contractors are invited for providing technicians to monitor the operation of Tissue Culture laboratory at S. Nijalingappa Sugar Institute, Belagavi

2. The details for providing technicians to monitor the operation of Tissue Culture laboratory at S.Nijalingappa Sugar Institute, Belagavi and requirements can be viewed in SNSI/2024-25/SE0004 from e-procurement portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

3. The last date for receipt of the tender documents in the e-procurement portal is on **14.09.2024 upto 17.00 hrs.**

Date:05.09.2024 Sd/- Director

**THE SPECIAL OFFICER AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY,**
**(UNDER KPIDFE - IMA & OTHER SCAM)**
3rd & 4th Floor, Podium Block, V.V Tower, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001

**No. SPLOCA/ADM/CR/37/2024-25** **Date: 06-09-2024**

**E-Procurement Tender Notification**

Special Officer and Competent Authority (IMA & Other KPID Scam Cases) invites tender from interested agencies/firms/companies/Registered Manufacturers and Authorized Dealers in Karnataka for Supply of Materials & Stationery for SPLOCA. The interested may submit the proposal as detailed in the tender document through E-procurement portal on or before specified date.

**Schedule of Events:**

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| Commencement of download of e-Tender Document Form from website- **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** | **10/09/2024** |
| Last Date for Queries on or before | **13/09/2024** |
| Pre-Bid Meeting on | **21/09/2024** |
| Last Date for Uploading of Tender in e-procurement platform on or before | **23/09/2024** |
| Opening of Technical Bid | **24/09/2024** |
| Date of Original Document Verification. | **Will be done on the uploaded documents at e-portal. Dt:25/09/2024** |
| Submission of Samples | **30/09/2024 at 11:00am** |
| Opening of Financial Bid | **Will be intimated** |
| Approximate value of tender | **Rs.20.00 Lakhs** |

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**DIPR/CP/1881/Zen/2024-25**

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**
Office of the Executive Engineer, (QA&QC) Division, Yalahanka, Room No-101, Annex-3 Building, BBMP N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002
No:EE(QA&QC)/Yalahanka/TEND/28/24-25/Call-2 Date:05.09.2024

**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION** (Two Cover System)
(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Quality Assurance/Quality Control division invites Request for Proposal from interested persons/firms those who have done similar type of work for Consultancy Services for Project Management including Supervision, Quality control (PMC) for the below works by the Executive Engineer QA/QC, Yalahanka Zone BBMP.

| Sl No. | Name of the works |
|---|---|
| 1. | Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for the Construction of Crematorium and other developmental works in Avalahalli Village survey no. 79 Yalahanka Bengaluru. (Call-2) **EMD Amount: ₹.17,200/-** |
| 2. | Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for the Formation of link road as per RMP-2015 from Manyata Tech Park Main Road to Bharathnagara in Ward No-6, Byatarayanapura Assembly Constituency. (Call-2) **EMD Amount: ₹.6,250/-** |

**Calendar of Events :** (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP portal GOK from **06.09.2024.** (2) Pre-Bid Meeting on **11.09.2024** at **11:00** am. (3) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders is **17.09.2024** upto **4:00** pm. (4) Opening of Technical Bid is **18.09.2024** at **4:30** pm.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
(QA&QC) Division, Yalahanka Zone

**TAMILNADU INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (TIDCO)**
**19-A, RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHI ROAD, EGMORE, CHENNAI – 600 008**
**CIN-U65993TN1965SGC005327**

**e-Tender** **Date: 07.09.2024**

**NOTICE NIT.No: TIDCO/GREENFIELD AIRPORT/R&R MASTER PLAN/2024–25**

TIDCO, a Government of Tamil Nadu enterprises intend to select a Consultant for Preparation of Master Plan, Providing Design Cum Project Management Consultancy Services for the Resettlement Sites for the development of the Chennai Greenfield Airport at Parandur.In this context, TIDCO invites proposals from the eligible consultancy firms for undertaking the services described in the Tender document.

Interested consultancy firm can download the Tender from the website https://tidco.com and https://tntenders.gov.in with free of cost.

The schedule for the bidding process is as follows:-

1. Pre-bid meeting at 3.00 PM on 12.09.2024@ TIDCO Office
2. Last date and time for submission of Proposals/ Bids is on or before 3.00 PM on 23.09.2024 through https://tntenders.gov.in
3. Opening of Technical Proposals/ Bids is at 4.00 PM on 23.09.2024 at TIDCO Office.

**MANAGING DIRECTOR**
**Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited**
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**Email: cmd@tidco.com, Website: https://tidco.com**

DIPR/3558/Tender/2024

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**No: UK/DUDC/AmrutNagarothanaPhase-4/CR/2024-25** **Dated: 05-09-2024**

**Tender Notification**

The Executive Engineer, District urban Development Cell, Uttar Kannada district, Karwar invites tenders from eligible KPWD Registered contractors for Amruth Nagarothan-4 Project work as per KTPP Act 1999 Rule 2000 as detailed below through KPPP Portal **(http:/kppp.karnataka.gov.in ).**

Uploading of tender documents on **05-09-2024 at 16.00 hrs**, Pre bid Meeting / Tender for clarification date: **17-09-2024 at 11.30 hrs**, Last date for uploading of completed tender documents on **21-09-2024 at 17.00 hrs,** Opening of Technical Bid : **23-09-2024 at 17.00 hrs** & Opening of Financial Bid: **27-09-2024 at 11.00 hrs.**

| ULB Name | Indent No & Reservation |
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| TP Honnavar | Indent No. DMA/2024-25/ OW/ WORK_ INDENT20888 |
| TP Jali | Indent No. DMA/2024-25/ OW/ WORK_INDENT 19203 |
| TP Manki | Indent No.DMA/2024-25/WS/ WORK_ INDENT 19189, DMA/2024-25/ OW/ WORK_ INDENT 19098 (ST Reservation ) |
| TMC Bhatkal | Indent No. DMA/2024-25/ OW/ WORK_INDENT18913 |
| TMC Kumta | Indent No. DMA/2024-25/WS/ WORK_INDENT18549 (SC Reservation ) |
| TP Siddapur | Indent No. DMA/2024-25/ OW/ WORK_INDENT21612 |
| TP Yellapur | Indent No. DMA/2024-25/OW/ WORK_INDENT19779 (SC Reservation ) |
| TP Mundgod | Indent No. DMA/2024-25/OW/ WORK_INDENT19732, DMA/2024-25/WS/ WORK_INDENT19728 |

All other required tender information may be availed from the website **http:/kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** and **http://www.uttarakannadadudc.mrc.gov.in/**.or Project Director, DUDC, UK Office .

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,**
**District Urban Development Cell**
**DC Office, U.K. District, Karwar**

DIPR/KWR/KSMCA/327/24-25 dt.05.09.2024

## Fresh openings

### Election in J&K could throw up new opportunities for the region

The first Assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir after a decade has so enthused people and parties in the Union Territory that expectations are rising that a new era for the embattled territory may be on the horizon. The erstwhile J&K lost its statehood and special status under Article 370 in 2019, which naturally remains a central issue for all political actors as campaigning gains momentum. Regional parties have promised to fight for the restoration of Article 370. The BJP has called them sympathisers of separatism and vowed that there would be no going back on the question. The Congress is walking a tightrope, avoiding direct references to Article 370 but promising the restoration of statehood. A record 529 candidates have filed nomination papers for 50 Assembly seats in the first two of the three-phase elections. Besides the mainstream regional and national political parties, the Jamaat-e-Islami, a socio-religious organisation classified as unlawful by the Ministry of Home Affairs in 2019, has also fielded candidates from Assembly segments of north and south Kashmir as independents. It is a major leap for an organisation that always aligned with separatist outfits and boycotted elections. Even separatists are trying their luck in electoral politics, and this could potentially open avenues towards long-standing peace and stability in the region.

The J&K National Conference (NC), Peoples Democratic Party and Sajad Lone's J&K Peoples' Conference, have pledged to reverse many measures taken after 2019 and revoke the Public Safety Act (PSA). The Congress, an ally of the NC, has expressed concern over "outsiders being allocated land, resources and jobs" and the Lieutenant Governor's powers. The BJP has managed to expand its voter base even in areas away from the plains of the Jammu region. Its outreach to Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes attracted prominent Muslim leaders from the Pir Panjal Valley, especially from the Pahari community, which was granted ST status after years of their agitation. The BJP has already fielded at least 11 Muslim candidates from J&K and its campaign targets the family control over the two regional parties and the Congress. BJP election in-charge Ram Madhav recently said he hoped to see a new leadership emerging in J&K. At any rate J&K is all set to throw up a new politics on October 8, the date of counting. The Centre and all parties should prepare to seize the new opportunity for the future of a prosperous State within the Indian Union.

## Undoing the undoing

### The withdrawal of the new curriculum by the NMC is welcome

Education lays the path for progress, but not everything that passes for education is a universal good. Immediate corrective measures are needed when it strays from its path, and the government's decision to withdraw the Competency-Based Medical Education Curriculum guidelines published by the National Medical Commission (NMC) rich with blundering interpretations, jerks a retrograde move back within law, and reason. Published on August 31, the curriculum specified that sodomy and lesbianism were "unnatural sexual offences", including them under the category 'sexual offences'. It also slotted transvestism or cross-dressing under the category of sexual perversion. The mandatory seven hours of disability competencies that students earlier had to undergo were excluded from the foundation course too. In doing so, the NMC did not merely attempt to take medical students back centuries, but it did so in violation of at least a couple of laws of the land, and overlooked the guidelines it had set earlier. In mentioning sodomy, lesbianism and transvestism as offences/perversions, the NMC was in violation of the Transgenderpersons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019. Notably, following admonition by the Madras and Kerala High Courts, the NMC, in October 2021, instructed all medical universities to not approve unscientific, derogatory and discriminatory information on the LGBTQIA+ community. With the removal of mandatory disability competencies from the foundation course, the NMC violated the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. It mandates the inclusion of the rights of persons with disabilities in the curriculum of universities, colleges and schools and further requires the integration of disability as a component in all educational courses for university teachers, doctors, nurses, and paramedical personnel. Again, it was the NMC that introduced the competencies in 2019, as a response to years of advocacy. The competencies would provide students a rights-based approach to removing barriers to health care, and ensuring equitable access to quality care.

Naturally, transgender and disability rights groups protested vehemently against the revised curriculum. Incensed by this regressive move, that erased all the progress achieved in the curriculum after decades of advocacy, they said they would write to the World Federation for Medical Education to temporarily suspend the NMC's recognition status if the errors were not immediately rectified. While the crisis is past for the moment, the incident has eroded the faith of the public, and marginalised groups, that the government always has their best interests at heart. Progress, particularly in changing perceptions and pre-conceived notions, is hard-won in incremental doses. For an arm of the government itself to undermine these small advances is a shameful act. The withdrawal is a matter of great relief.

# Stick to fiscal deficit as the norm for fiscal prudence

**C. Rangarajan**

Distinguished University Professor, Ahmedabad University and a former Governor, Reserve Bank of India

**D.K. Srivastava**

Honorary Professor, Madras School of Economics and Member, Advisory Council to the Sixteenth Finance Commission

Government expenditures exceeding revenue by a high margin can lead to a difficult situation. In the 1980s, rising fiscal deficit accompanied by rising government debt led to a difficult balance of payments situation and a high ratio of interest payment to revenue receipts. This forced the government to borrow progressively more to meet developmental expenditures.

**Budget pointer**

In the final 2024-25 Union Budget, the Finance Minister said, "From 2026-27 onwards, our endeavour will be to keep the fiscal deficit each year such that the Central government debt will be on a declining path as percentage of GDP." The Budget speech also says that the Centre's fiscal deficit would be reduced to 4.5% of GDP in 2025-26 from its budgeted level of 4.9% in 2024-25.

With these levels of fiscal deficit in two consecutive years, the Centre's debt-GDP ratio is estimated at 54% in 2025-26, assuming a nominal GDP growth of 10.5% in these two years. After this, the central government aims to have only a reducing path of debt-GDP ratio without stating a debt-GDP target and specifying a path to reach that. This implies effective abandoning of the Centre's Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) 2018 debt-GDP target of 40% for the central government and 60% for the combined government for an indefinite period. It can be shown that with a nominal GDP growth in the range of 10%-11%, a falling path of the debt-GDP ratio can be ensured year after year while maintaining a fiscal deficit-GDP ratio for the Centre at 4.5%. In fact, at this level of fiscal deficit, the debt-GDP ratio would reach a level of 48% by 2048-49 while showing a falling debt-GDP ratio all along. State governments, in their respective Fiscal Responsibility Legislations (FRLs), have adopted a fiscal deficit-Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) target of 3%. They may also be tempted to abandon their targets and only show a falling path of their respective debt-GSDP ratios. If the two levels of government maintain, on average, fiscal deficit to GDP ratios of 4.5% and 3% net of intergovernmental lending, the average combined fiscal deficit would amount to 7.5% of GDP for several years.

Such a profile of debt and fiscal deficit, while consistent with a falling debt-GDP/GSDP profiles, would leave little space for the private sector to access available investible surplus unless current account deficit is increased beyond sustainable levels.

> With the current lower levels of household financial savings, having 3% of GDP as a limit to fiscal deficit should be the focus

The Twelfth Finance Commission had argued that the investible surplus for the private corporate sector and the non-government public sector can be derived as the excess of household financial savings and net inflow of foreign capital over the draft of this surplus by the central and State governments through their borrowing. In this context, the Twelfth Finance Commission had observed (paragraph 4.41 of their report), "The transferable savings of the household sector of 10 per cent of GDP combined with an acceptable level of current account deficit of 1.5 per cent would be adequate to provide for a government fiscal deficit of 6 per cent, an absorption by the private corporate sector of 4 per cent, and by non-departmental public enterprises of 1.5 per cent of GDP."

The recent tendency is for household financial savings to come down. In 2022-23, it was 5.3% of GDP as against 7.6% in the previous four years excluding the COVID-19 year of 2020-21. With 5.3% of household savings and about 2% of net inflow of foreign capital, available investible surplus of 7.3% will be fully pre-empted by the fiscal deficits of the central and State governments at about 7.5% of GDP. We can look at a higher level of fiscal deficit only if household financial savings rise.

**Sustainable debt and fiscal deficit**

There is a simple arithmetic relationship between fiscal deficit and debt-GDP ratio. To reduce the debt-GDP ratio, one has to act on fiscal deficit-GDP ratio, which essentially means change in the debt-GDP ratio between two consecutive years. The fiscal responsibility framework, which has been built in India after 2003, with States coming on board with their respective FRLs, has considered suitable combinations of debt-GDP/GSDP levels along with fiscal deficit-GDP/GSDP levels.

In India's context, if the debt-GDP ratio remains relatively high compared to the norms given in the FRLs of the Centre and States, the ratio of interest payment to revenue receipts would also remain high, pre-empting government's revenue receipts while leaving progressively lower shares for financing non-interest expenditures. The ratio of Centre's interest payment to revenue receipts net of tax devolution, which had fallen to 35% in 2016-17, has increased to an average of 38.4% during 2021-22 to 2023-24. This ratio averaged 51.6% if we consider the Centre's revenue receipts after taking into account all transfers including tax devolution and grants.

**An international comparison**

There are many countries which have a far higher level of government debt-GDP ratio as compared to India. Their interest payments to revenue receipts, however, are much lower. For example, during 2015-19, the ratio of interest payment to revenue receipts averaged only 5.5%, 6.6% and 8.5% for Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States, respectively (International Monetary Fund). In contrast, during 2015-16 to 2019-20, India's combined interest payment to revenue receipts ratio was 24% on average with the Centre's post transfer ratio averaging 49%.

While recent pronouncements talk of the debt-GDP ratio as the policy variable, they do not, however, specify what that target is for India and what the path would be to reach that target from the current levels of debt-GDP ratio. The problem in the context of macro-stabilisation is that when a major disturbance occurs, such as the COVID-19 pandemic in our recent past, it took just one year for the central debt-GDP ratio to shoot up from 50.7% in 2019-20 to 60.7% in 2020-21.

However, returning to the pre-COVID-19 level of debt-GDP ratio has taken much longer and we are still nowhere close to reaching that. The paths of adjustment of upward and downward movements of debt-GDP ratio due to a macroeconomic shock often tends to be asymmetric. Governments find it convenient to keep postponing the downward adjustment in the debt-GDP ratio while continuing to nurse high levels of interest payment relative to revenue receipts. There is no point in urging private investment to grow if the available investible surplus is limited. With the current lower levels of household financial savings, it is better for the central government to stick to 3% of GDP as a limit to fiscal deficit. We need to draw up a road map to achieve that level. Any relaxation of this rule will only lead to fiscal imprudence.

*The views expressed are personal*

# A tourism policy ill-suited for Jammu and Kashmir

**Bilal Ahmad Wagay**

an Assistant Professor of political science in Jammu and Kashmir higher education, and a researcher and literary critic

In the collective consciousness, Kashmir remains an Eden, but time has changed its environment. The relentless march of urbanisation and commercialisation has inflicted grievous wounds on this once pristine sanctuary. The manifestations of climate change are also evident.

**Effects of new policy**

The influx of tourists is causing great stress to the Valley's delicate ecological equilibrium. The Jammu and Kashmir government's recent tourism policy efforts, ostensibly to project an image of tranquillity and normalcy after the dilution of the region's special status, have had significant environmental repercussions. According to official data, over four crore tourists have visited Kashmir since the announcement of a new tourism policy in 2020. In the first half of 2024, 1.2 million tourists arrived in Kashmir.

The unbridled escalation in tourist activities, propelled by the administration's endeavours to showcase the Valley's newfound stability, is causing an array of ecological disturbances. Additionally, inadequate waste management systems are worsening pollution levels in waterbodies, further compounding the ecological degradation. The promotion of pilgrimage tourism in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in areas such as Pahalgam and the Trikuta ranges where the Mata Vaishno Devi temple is located, has significantly strained the fragile ecosystem. The influx, often exceeding the region's carrying capacity, has led to deforestation, waste accumulation, and unregulated construction. Experts believe that it was unchecked tourism that was a key factor contributing to the catastrophic floods in 2014.

The influx of visitors necessitates the expansion of infrastructure from hotels, roads, and recreational facilities, that invariably encroach upon natural habitats. The construction boom not only disrupts wildlife corridors but also leads to deforestation, exacerbating soil erosion and affecting the landscape. Moreover, the heightened demand for water and electricity strains local resources.

> The damage being caused to the region's fragile environment highlights the need for a resilient and sustainable tourism model

Unchecked withdrawal of groundwater is depleting aquifers at an alarming rate, while increased electricity consumption necessitates greater reliance on hydroelectric projects. These projects, though renewable in nature, can devastate local aquatic ecosystems and alter the hydrological balance.

There is an acute shortage of drinking water in many areas of Kashmir. The depletion of glaciers at a faster rate due to climate change has led to water scarcity. The Valley is facing an imminent agricultural drought, a situation exacerbated by below-average rainfall and erratic weather patterns. The region is witnessing less water in rivers and streams, in turn affecting irrigation. Drought also threatens crop yields, which could lead to economic distress for farmers and potential food shortages. Climate change poses long-term challenges to Kashmir's agricultural sustainability and food security.

**A fragile region**

Jammu and Kashmir is a region that is affected by natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, landslides, and avalanches. The region also lies in a seismically active zone. The catastrophic floods of 2014 caused widespread destruction, submerging large parts of the Kashmir Valley, damaging infrastructure, and displacing thousands of people. Around five million people were affected – around 4.5 million in the Valley and half a million in the Jammu region. The State's economy suffered an estimated loss of ₹5,400 crore-₹5,700 crore. In 2022, flash floods caused by a cloudburst near Amarnath killed 16 people and left 40 missing. The construction of roads to unexplored tourist destinations, where the intent is to boost accessibility and economic growth, often ends up disrupting fragile ecosystems.

The landslide in Wayanad, Kerala, which claimed over 200 lives, is a stark reminder of the grave dangers posed by unchecked commercialisation in ecologically sensitive regions. It is a moment of caution in regions such as Kashmir, which have a delicate ecosystem.

**Have a new model**

The natural beauty of Kashmir is a significant draw for tourists, but the push for commercialisation through the construction of hotels, resorts and other infrastructure can have catastrophic consequences if not managed sustainably. The region's fragile environment necessitates the adoption of a resilient and sustainable tourism model. In Jammu and Kashmir, this would involve promoting eco-friendly practices that minimise environmental degradation such as reducing waste, conserving water, and protecting biodiversity. It also requires the inclusion of local communities in tourism planning and decision-making.

Building resilience requires infrastructure that can withstand extreme weather, diversifying tourism offerings beyond just the peak seasons, and creating policies that protect the interests of both tourists and locals. By adopting a resilient and sustainable tourism model, Jammu and Kashmir can safeguard its natural beauty, support local communities, and ensure that tourism remains a viable economic driver for generations to come. This shift is not only necessary but also urgent in order to balance economic development with environmental conservation and social equity in the region.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**'Bulldozer justice'**

It is sad that there is a propagation of hatred and divisive politics in the Hindi-belt States. 'Bulldozer justice' is an example. It is also a fact that these States have poor developmental indices. One hopes that the voice of the top court will be heard in these lands.

**G.E. Bagthasingh,**
Chennai

**Recognise the stalwarts**

September 5 has passed, observed as National Teachers' Day in India. While I join many others in welcoming the annual teachers' award given to many teachers on the birth anniversary of the Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, I recall another glorious personage — Rt.Hon. V.S. Srinivasa Sastri. An accomplished speaker, he was called "silver tongue" Sastri, leaving his listeners spell-bound by his fluency and diction. His famous speech at Geneva still stands as a shining example of his arresting style in delivering lectures. September 5 in remembrance of Radhakrishnan and September 22 to commemorate V.S. Srinivasa Sastri (his birth anniversary) can be celebrated as 'Teachers' Day'. Mine is a lone nonagenarian's voice from Chennai hoping to prevail upon the government to act on this.

**Mani Nataraajan,**
Chennai

**Still going strong**

In an age of electronic gadgets, that typewriters still hold sway was bliss for old-timers like me. Even today, the typewriter is a vital cog in the functioning of the Indian judicial system (E-paper, "A stroll through still-thriving typewriting institutes", September 4). The clickety-clack was a sound that spelt life for many. In the early 1980s, when Godrej conducted a 'speed test' contest to promote its 'Prima' typewriter, I was ranked second on an all-India basis, clocking 81 w.p.m. The sight of type-bars going back and forth, and swift fingers magically transferring the ink on ribbons into words and sentences on crisp white paper are still a fascinating experience.

**R. Sivakumar,**
Chennai

**A different experience**

I am a senior citizen and a reader. Due to portrayals in films, I have always had a negative image of police stations. But I was in for a surprise when I had to approach the C6 Thudiyalur Police Station, Coimbatore recently. This was because I had to file a first information report on the loss of bank locker keys. The receptionist outside gave me a warm welcome and after checking with the superior officers, guided me to a senior police official who helped me write out a revised petition. This was then entered in the police register. After a few clarifications, I was given a computerised printout to acknowledge receipt of the petition. The bank officials had told me that it would take one month to get a certificate but at the police station, I was given the document in an hour as they understood the requirement and were satisfied with my responses to queries on the loss of the locker keys. The next day I received a call from the Commissioner of Police's office on the 'service quality' at Thudiyalur. The only issue that I would point out is that the condition of the police station needs to be looked into. There also needs to be a separate room to question those who approach the police to file FIRs or submit petitions.

**Nandkumar,**
Coimbatore

**Corrections & Clarifications**

In the article, "The Food Security Act has revamped the PDS" (Editorial page, September 6, 2024), a sentence should have read as: "In spite of the improvement in coverage, the Centre is falling short of the coverage mandated by the NFSA (*75%* of rural population and *50%* of urban population)...."

Letters emailed to letters@thehindu.co.in must carry the full postal address and the full name or the name with initials.

Aryan Mishra was shot dead on the night of August 23, allegedly by five cow vigilantes. A poster, seeking justice for him, hangs at his house in Faridabad on September 5, 2024. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

# Cow as cover for murder

On August 23, Aryan Mishra, a 20-year-old student, was shot dead in Faridabad after allegedly being mistaken for a cow smuggler. The five men who were arrested for his murder belong to an organisation founded solely to protect cattle from slaughter. **Ishita Mishra** profiles cow vigilantes who patrol Haryana's streets rescuing injured animals or looking to 'punish' those who they believe are cow smugglers

While the New Industrial Township (NIT-5) market in Faridabad, Haryana, is light up brightly, a house on the fourth floor of a building in the area lies in darkness. Here, a family mourns the death of their son, Aryan Mishra, who was shot dead on August 23. A poster hangs from the partially painted terrace of the building, just metres below an Indian flag. It features a picture of Aryan, 20, wearing a hoodie and a smile, and seeks justice for him.

On that fateful night, Aryan was travelling in a red SUV with the Gulatis, the owners of the house in which his family lives, after enjoying a late-night snack. According to the police, five men, most of them in their 20s, allegedly mistook Aryan to be a cattle smuggler and chased the car for 30 kilometres before firing at him.

All the five 'gau rakshaks' (cow vigilantes) belong to an organisation called Live For Nation (LFN), which had been formed with the sole aim of "saving cows". The police scanned CCTV camera footage, tracked mobile phones, and interrogated people on the 30-km stretch for five days to collect evidence of the crime. On August 28, they arrested all the five men for Aryan's murder: the founder of LFN, 38-year-old Anil Kaushik, and his aides, Saurabh, Kishan, Varun, and Adesh.

Siyanand Mishra, Aryan's father, is shattered that his "youngest and brightest child" is dead. He says his son was pursuing an intermediate course through the open schooling system, while also helping the family financially by repairing mobile phones and riding bike taxis around Faridabad, an industrial city about 35 km from Delhi.

Mishra says he met one of the accused on the day the police were set to open the case. "He was ashamed of his act since he had killed his Hindu brother mistakenly," he says. While Mishra has all kinds of theories about why his son was killed, the police are still investigating the case.

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> **SIYANAND MISHRA**
> Aryan's father

## Protecting cows

The murder of Aryan Mishra has once again brought attention to India's cow vigilante groups, who claim to protect cows, considered holy by Hindus, from alleged smuggling and slaughter. The Haryana Gauvansh Sanrakshan and Gausamvardhan Act, 2015, prohibits the slaughter and trafficking of cows and sale of beef in the State. Anyone found to be violating this can be imprisoned for up to 10 years. However, the killing of other cattle, such as buffaloes, is legal.

Days after Aryan was killed, a migrant worker from West Bengal was killed by alleged cow vigilantes in Haryana's Charkhi Dadri on suspicion of eating beef. Last year, a cow vigilante, Monu Manesar, from Haryana, was booked for the murder of two men. Manesar is a member of the Bajrang Dal, the youth wing of the Hindu right-wing organisation, Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP).

To protect cows, Haryana, where the Bharatiya Janata Party has been in power for the last 10 years, has increased the budget of the Gau Seva Aayog, a force under the government dedicated to the preservation and welfare of cows, from ₹45 crore in 2022-23 to ₹456 crore in 2023-24. As of August 2024, the State had provided ₹32.16 crore to 588 gau shalas (shelters for stray cows), which house 23.5 lakh cows.

## The founder of 'Live For Nation'

The main accused in the Aryan murder case, Anil Kaushik, lives in a double-storey house in Parvatiya colony, some 7.5 km from NIT-5 market. A picture of the Hindu god, Hanuman, hangs outside his house.

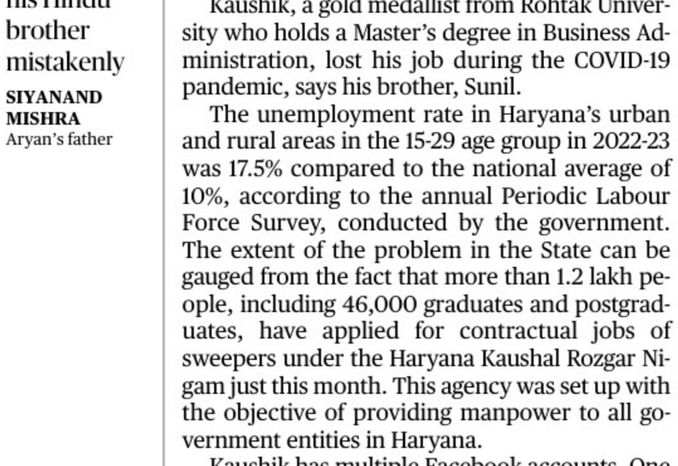
Kaushik, a gold medallist from Rohtak University who holds a Master's degree in Business Administration, lost his job during the COVID-19 pandemic, says his brother, Sunil.

The unemployment rate in Haryana's urban and rural areas in the 15-29 age group in 2022-23 was 17.5% compared to the national average of 10%, according to the annual Periodic Labour Force Survey, conducted by the government. The extent of the problem in the State can be gauged from the fact that more than 1.2 lakh people, including 46,000 graduates and postgraduates, have applied for contractual jobs of sweepers under the Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam just this month. This agency was set up with the objective of providing manpower to all government entities in Haryana.

Kaushik has multiple Facebook accounts. One of them has more than 10,000 followers, while others have fewer. Mostly dressed in T-shirts and jeans, Kaushik sports a ponytail, wears a *tilak* (Hindu mark) on his forehead, and *roli* or red threads around his wrist.

He regularly posted videos in which he can be seen rescuing cows from drains, tying reflective collars on them, or giving them first aid. He would also chase vehicles of alleged cow smugglers at night on highways. The videos of these chases have garnered the highest number of likes and views on his page. In one photo, Kaushik can be seen holding a gun. In others, he can be seen posing with policemen, advocates, and Monu Manesar. In a Facebook live, Kaushik reprimanded critics of gau rakshaks: "*Kabhi aa ke dekhlo humare saath...Jab goli bagal se nikalti hai...to kaisa lagta hai* [Come sometime and watch with us...how it feels when a bullet (from the alleged cattle smugglers) passes so close]."

On social media, Kaushik posted the account number of LFN and often sought donations. In the markets in and around Parvatiya colony, many shops have a LFN donation box.



A van which the cow vigilantes use to ferry injured cows to hospital or to chase alleged smugglers. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Kaushik's mother, Rajesh Devi, has been angry ever since her son was arrested. "Please leave us alone," she says, shutting the door. Speaking to a television channel earlier, she had said that her son had mistaken Aryan for a cow smuggler and could "never kill anyone who was innocent".

Sunil says the family is struggling to cope with two tragedies: first, the death of his wife, who had been suffering from an illness, and now his older brother's arrest.

He believes that critics of gau rakshaks are hypocritical. "In today's time, if you love a dog, you are respected in society; if you pet a cat, you are dubbed an animal lover; but if you love a cow, people treat you like a criminal," he says.

Sunil's neighbour, Hawa Singh Rathi, wonders why Kaushik had never kept a cow as a pet if he really wanted to save cattle.

## 'A well respected organisation'

Next to Kaushik's house lies a ground with cemented benches, tall trees, mounds of garbage, and dilapidated rooms. Stray animals, including cows, share this space. Kaushik had parked a pickup van here, which the LFN used at times to ferry injured cattle to hospital and at times to chase alleged cow smugglers. An SUV stands next to the van with a guard covering the windscreen.

A kilometre away from Kaushik's home is his office. A board outside states that he is a gau rakshak and property dealer. A pamphlet pasted on the left wall of the shop's shutter shows cow dung cups that Kaushik used to sell for havans.

Sushil Kumar, 36, who runs a fabrication shop in Parvatiya colony, calls Kaushik a "gentleman". Sushil was a member of LNF and used to chase alleged cattle smugglers with Kaushik, but stopped after his father's death. "The smugglers had arms. Since I was the only earning member after my father's death, my family asked me not to do this," he says. "LNF is very popular in the area. The organisation is fighting for Hindus and our members are respected among locals," he adds.

Bharat Kumar, 28, who runs a photo studio, and Akshay Sharma, 24, who works at a courier service centre, are also members of LNF. They cite the recent achievements of the group: "Kaushik and his team managed to save an injured camel from a place near Anankpur village."

While Sushil did not finish college, Akshay and Bharat are graduates. They earn ₹10,000-₹15,000 a month. They live in localities with no sanitation. The roads get flooded with sewage water even when it does not rain. The houses, located in narrow lanes, are barely ventilated. The area has poor ground water supply: tankers can be seen parked every 400-500 meters.

Speaking about the modus operandi of gau rakshaks, Bharat says people from all walks of life are connected through social media and post any information about destitute or injured cows. "We also get information from places where cows were seen being put into vehicles to be transported. We react quickly and chase them. We have saved hundreds of cows from dying," he says.

Speaking of the accused in the Aryan murder case, Sushil says Saurabh was working with a builder, Adesh was an office assistant at a local school, while Varun used to collect samples for pathology. All of them were searching for permanent jobs. Kishan, the fifth accused, lives in Kheri village, about 6 km from Kaushik's house. His father, Joge, and four sisters refuse to be identified as his family. Joge is traumatised by the arrest of his son and says he is not able to think or react.

"When he refused to study further, I spent all my savings to open a garment shop for him. All of that has gone in vain," says Joge, who has a cow and buffalo at home.

The residents of the village say one of Kishan's sisters was scheduled to get married next month, but the family is thinking of postponing the wedding as they want to first get Kishan out of jail.

## Murder, money, and justice

On August 23, Aryan left home in a hurry, recalls Siyanand Mishra, a heart patient. A saffron flag hangs on the main door of his two-room house, taken on lease from the Gulati family at ₹4.5 lakh. Aryan's photos hang on the wall right in front of the entrance. As the family has been running from pillar to post to seek justice for their son, the house had not been cleaned.

"Aryan told me that Harshit and Shankey Gulati, the sons of my landlord Sujata Gulati, had called him for a quick chat. I told him that he shouldn't be going anywhere at that time of the night, but he went saying he would return in 10 minutes," says Mishra.

After Aryan was shot on his head and shoulder, Mishra says he received a call from the Gulatis. He wails recalling the tragic moment: "When I asked Sujata what had happened to Aryan, she said that she, her sons, and one of her friends, Kirti, had gone out to eat late at night and had invited Aryan too. They were on the highway when some people, who have a property-related dispute with her son, Shankey, started firing at them. And Aryan got shot."

Mishra says he and the Gulatis have had an ongoing dispute about lease money. "Who knows? The Gulatis may have been hand in glove with the gau rakshaks," he says. "Who gave them the right to shoot anyone? They are criminals."

Mishra's second son is struggling to take care of his elderly parents. Speaking of his eldest son, who is married with a child and works as a sweeper in a factory, Mishra says, casteism deeply embedded, "He couldn't get a job. So, even though we are Brahmins, he had to do what we are not supposed to do."

He locks the door and leaves for the hospital where his wife, Uma, was admitted after she fainted while performing rituals for Aryan.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime) Faridabad, Hemendra Kumar Meena, says the police are still investigating the case. The picture will become clear when they get custody of the accused for interrogation, he says.

## 'Like the job of a solider'

Vikas Sharma, 32, a cow vigilante who lives in Parvatiya colony, is associated with the Bajrang Dal. He feels that the murder of the "Hindu boy" is a blot in the name of gau rakshaks. "The Bajrang Dal protects cows too, but never takes law and order into its hands," he says.

Sharma's father was in the Army. Taking pride in being a gau rakshak, he compares it with the job of a soldier. He says Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adiyanath is his favourite politician as he has made the State "a safe place for Hindus". In 2022, U.P. registered the most number of crimes under the Indian Penal Code across India, as per the National Crime Records Bureau's data.

Sharma applauds the controversial Agnipath scheme of the Modi government, which aims to recruit personnel below officer ranks to the Indian armed forces for a period of four years. "The idea is that within a couple of decades, every house will have a trained soldier. This will save the nation when we are attacked by people from both within and outside," he says, adding that countries such as Israel have a similar practice.

Sharma does odd jobs to earn money. He says his family has been asking him to get a job, but nothing good has come his way because he lacks proficiency in English. "Can I also become a journalist in your paper," he asks. I am sure I can at least click pictures for you."

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## Man killed in attack on Manipur ex-CM's house

A forensic team collects evidence after what appeared to be a rocket attack in Bishnupur. ANI

The protesters also vented their anger against the State government for failing to handle the ongoing conflict. They carried placards with slogans such as "Drone bombing is an act of terrorism", "Manipur's territorial integrity cannot be compromised", and "We want peace; save Manipur".

Later, the valley-based Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI) called for an indefinite public curfew in the State from Friday. "Individuals are advised to remain at home as they are no longer secure outside. All educational institutions, including schools and colleges, should also close immediately and indefinitely," the organisation said in a statement.

L. Nandakumar Singh, Director of Education (Schools), subsequently issued an order directing all government schools, government-aided, private, and Central schools to remain closed "in view of the unrest and prevailing situation in the State and keeping in mind the safety of the students and teachers".

# Quad leaders scheduled to meet in U.S. on September 21

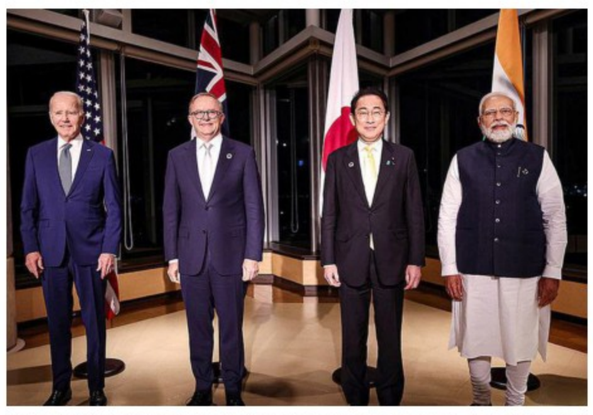
Prime Minister Narendra Modi to host the leaders of the U.S., Japan, and Australia ahead of UN meetings; venue yet to be decided; summit could be held in Delaware or New York, say sources

**Suhasini Haidar**
NEW DELHI

New Delhi will miss its turn to host the Quad Summit in India this year, sources confirmed, as leaders of U.S.-Australia-Japan and India will meet in the U.S. instead, at a special summit ahead of UN meetings later this month.

According to the sources, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) officials have confirmed participation in the summit, including U.S. President Joe Biden, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese to be hosted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 21, when he travels to New York ahead of the UN Summit of the Future, the UN General Assembly, and a diaspora event.

However, diplomatic sources said a final decision on the venue is awaited as a number of different possibilities were being discussed, and the summit could be held in New York or even at Rehoboth Beach in Delaware. One official said that the Delaware venue was "an option under consideration", while others said the choice of venue is "still unclear", given the election campaign under way in the U.S.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with leaders of the U.S., Australia and Japan during the Quad Leaders' Summit in Hiroshima in 2023. PTI

This is the first time India will host the Quad Summit, which was upgraded to the leadership level in 2021. The date for the summit has been a difficult negotiation for MEA officials, particularly given the election dates and travel schedules of all the leaders involved. The Modi government had begun the process of inviting the other Quad members last September when they were in Delhi for the G-20 Summit.

**Agenda for the meet**

Officials have been preparing the agenda for the Quad summit, which was discussed during the meeting of the four Foreign Ministers in Japan on July 29, including "maritime security, critical and emerging technologies, cyber security, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, health security, climate change, counterterrorism, infrastructure and connectivity, and addressing the debt crisis through sustainable, transparent and fair lending and financing practices".

However, given that neither Mr. Biden nor Mr. Kishida will be in position after the next few months, it remains to be seen whether more concrete decisions will be left to the next Quad Summit, due to be held in the U.S. in 2025.

# Judicial appointments not the prerogative of a single individual: SC

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court held on Friday that the process of judicial appointments to constitutional courts in the country is not the Chief Justices' "prerogative" and must be consultative.

The apex court said the Collegium system of judicial appointments, followed since it was brought into effect in 1993 by the Supreme Court itself, was a "collaborative and participatory process" involving all the members of the Collegium, which includes the senior-most judges of the court concerned.

"The process of judicial appointments to a superior court is not the prerogative of a single individual. The underlying principle is that the process of appointment of judges must reflect the collective wisdom that draws from diverse perspectives," a Bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and P.K. Mishra observed.

The judgment is based on a petition filed by the two senior-most judicial officers on their proposed elevation as judges of the Himachal Pradesh High Court. The case revealed that the Chief Justice of the High Court chose to "individually" address the Supreme Court Collegium on the suitability of the two judicial officers without keeping his High Court Collegium colleagues in the loop.

"The Chief Justice of a High Court cannot individually reconsider a recommendation and it can only be done by the High Court Collegium acting collectively," the court held. It said the "High Court Collegium should now reconsider the names of Chirag Bhanu Singh and Arvind Malhotra for elevation as judges of the High Court".

The judgment stated to carefully balance transparency in the judicial appointments process with the need to maintain confidentiality.

# SEBI chief got 'rental income' from unit of firm under lens: Cong.

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday levelled fresh charges of conflict of interest against Madhabi Puri Buch, the embattled Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India, alleging that she received rental income from a company affiliated to a pharmaceutical major under SEBI investigation in a number of cases, including insider trading.

Congress leader Pawan Khera alleged that between 2018 and 2024, while Ms. Buch was a whole-time member and later Chairperson of SEBI, she received rental income amounting to ₹2.16 crore from Carol Info Services Ltd., a company affiliated to Wockhardt Ltd.

Wockhardt denied the allegations that one of its subsidiaries paid rent to the SEBI Chairperson to secure favourable orders.

"It has come to our attention that there are certain allegations pertaining to payment of rent by Carol Info Services Ltd. and its connection with certain orders passed by SEBI in relation to the company. In this regard, we categorically deny these allegations and state that these allegations are completely baseless and misleading," Wockhardt said in a filing with the stock exchanges.

Earlier, Mr. Khera claimed that Ms. Buch received the rental income in violation of Sections 4, 7, and 8 of SEBI's 2008 code on conflicts of interest for members of its board.

"The SEBI chairperson was appointed on March 2, 2022, by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, which the Prime Minister heads. Was her appointment cleared on the condition that she could maintain her previous financial relationships, provided she acted in line with the wishes of the Prime Minister and his close associates?" Mr. Khera asked, addressing a press conference at the Congress headquarters.

## *On the draw*

# BJP targets Bengal govt. on 'cash offer'

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

BJP MP Sambit Patra on Friday asked what the Trinamool Congress government had attempted to conceal by allegedly offering money to the family of the victim in West Bengal.

"What was it that the administration was trying to throw under the carpet by paying money to the parents of the victim?" he asked, adding that the questions raised by the father were of paramount importance. He questioned why the police asked the family to sign on a blank paper. He also demanded that CM and the Police Commissioner should step down.

# SC dismisses plea raised by Sandip Ghosh

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court refused to entertain a challenge raised by former principal of R.G. Kar Hospital Sandip Ghosh against a Calcutta High Court order transferring a probe against him to the Central Bureau of Investigation.

# Bengal Governor sends Aparajita Bill for President's assent

**Shiv Sahay Singh**
KOLKATA

West Bengal Governor C.V. Ananda Bose on Friday referred the Aparajita Woman and Child (West Bengal Criminal Laws Amendment) Bill, 2024 for the consideration of the President of India Droupadi Murmu.

"On receipt of a mandatory technical report from the Govt. of West Bengal, the Governor has referred the Aparajita Bill for consideration of the President of India," the Raj Bhavan said, in a statement.

The Bill seeks to amend the Bharatiya Nyaya Samhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Adhiniyam, and the POCSO Act, adding provisions to impose the death penalty for different kinds of rape. It was unanimously passed in the State Assembly on September 3.

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee had threatened to launch protests outside the Raj Bhavan if the Governor did not give his consent to the Bill. During the Assembly's debate on the Bill, Ms. Banerjee had even

C.V. Ananda Bose

urged the BJP legislators to request the Governor to pass the Bill.

Raj Bhavan sources said that the Governor had sought a technical report from the State government. Even though Raj Bhavan has sent the Bill to the President, the communication from Raj Bhavan said that the "Governor took umbrage at the intimidatory stance of the CM and admonished the government for their failure in observing legal and constitutional proprieties."

State's Chief Secretary Manoj Pant called on the Governor and made the technical report available to him. According to Raj Bhavan, the West Bengal Bill will join a lot of other similar Bills pending with the President.

# Bail plea of key accused in R.G. Kar rape case rejected

**Shiv Sahay Singh**
KOLKATA

A court in Kolkata on Friday rejected the bail petition of Sanjay Roy, one of the prime accused in the rape and murder of a doctor at R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital on August 9, and remanded him to judicial custody for 14 days till September 20.

Mr. Roy's counsel argued that he was framed and had no link to the crime. However, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) counsel opposed the bail of the accused. Mr. Roy, a civic police volunteer, was arrested by the Kolkata Police hours after the crime.

Meanwhile, the officials of Enforcement Directorate (ED) conducted searches at the residences of former R.G. Kar principal Sandip Ghosh and his associates in connection with alleged financial irregularities at the hospital. The raids were carried out at Mr. Ghosh's residence in Beliaghata and at two locations in Howrah and Subhasgram.

# 12 killed, 16 injured after bus hits van in Uttar Pradesh

**The Hindu Bureau**
LUCKNOW

Twelve people died and 16 were injured on Friday after a bus hit a van in Hathras.

The incident happened on National Highway-93 when passengers of the van were returning to Sewala after a ritual from Hathras. The death toll may rise further.

Local officials rushed the injured to the district hospital. Hathras Superintendent of Police (SP) Nipun Agarwal said that the accident happened when the bus tried to overtake the van on the Agra-Aligarh National Highway. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath took cognisance of the accident and directed officials to expedite the relief work.

# SC issues notice on RJD plea against HC order on quota hike

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday sought responses from the Centre and the Bihar government on a petition filed by the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) challenging a Patna High Court order which quashed reservations up to 65% for Backward Classes, Extremely Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in public employment and institutions.

A three-judge Bench, headed by Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, took note of the submissions of senior advocate P. Wilson, appearing for RJD, that the plea must be heard early.

"Issue notice and tag with the pending pleas," the CJI said.

On July 29, the apex court had refused to order an interim stay on the High Court decision.

However, the top court had agreed to hear an appeal filed by Bihar against the judgment in September.

The Centre and the State had urged the apex court in July to stay the High Court decision, which had set aside the amendments in the State reservation law, saying job interviews had been lined up based on the amended law hiking the reservation bracket.

On June 20, the High Court concluded that stretching the quota from 50% to 65% in government jobs and educational institutions, leaving only 35% for merit was violative of the right to equal opportunity for citizens.

# Shared ownership of protected monuments with Waqf Board causes conflict, says ASI

**Sobhana K. Nair**
NEW DELHI

Quoting the examples of Fatehpur Sikri in Agra and Atala Masjid in Jaunpur, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) told a Parliamentary panel that having protected monuments which are also notified as Waqf property gives rise to conflicts and administrative issues. The ASI made this argument during its submission to a joint committee holding consultations on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

Contesting this claim, Opposition members of the committee argued that no monument is arbitrarily appropriated by the Waqf Board without historical evidence supporting its ownership, noting that the ASI's own governing legislation – the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act (AMASR Act) – equips the organisation to deal with such cases.

The ASI's list had 53 protected monuments, including Fatehpur Sikri, which have also been declared as Waqf property. FILE PHOTO

The ASI shared a list of 53 protected monuments, which have also been declared as Waqf property by the Waqf Board, using the Waqf Act, 1995. Such "dual authorities" create conflict, ASI officials said. They underlined that many of these properties have been categorised as Waqf only after they were declared as protected sites.

According to sources, the ASI complained that its staff have been restricted from carrying out "conservation" work in such monuments. They also accused the Board of carrying out "several additions and alterations" to the original structure of these protected monuments, hampering the "authenticity and integrity" of such structures. They listed the examples of the Atala Masjid in Jaunpur where shops were built into the enclosure, and Mecca Masjid in Ahmednagar, where fittings and fixtures were installed without the ASI's permission. They also cited the case of Fatehpur Sikri, where officials claimed that the Waqf is directly appointing tour guides, replacing the ASI-certified guides.

These ASI charges were contested by a number of Opposition members. All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) MP Asadduddin Owaisi, it is learnt, pointed out that the ASI is deliberately ignoring the very framework of laws that it operates under. The AMASR Act, he argued, provides for balancing private property rights to protected monuments with the public purpose of preservation.

Other members countered that no property could be declared as a Waqf arbitrarily without historical evidence of "Waqf by user". The new law, they said, is trying to do away with this very clause of "Waqf by user" which will throw open all Waqf properties for multiple claims.

ASI officials were also cornered by the ruling BJP's MPs, who asked them why the organisation had failed to act in instances listed by them where the Waqf status allegedly threatened the integrity and authenticity of the protected structures.

# Vinesh, Hooda in Congress first list for Haryana election

**The Hindu Bureau**
CHANDIGARH

Vinesh Phogat will contest from Julana constituency in Haryana. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The Congress on Friday released its first list of 32 candidates for the coming Assembly election in Haryana, fielding Olympic wrestler Vinesh Phogat from the Julana constituency, besides former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda from Garhi Sampla-Kiloi.

Party State president Udai Bhan, who lost the Assembly election in 2019, was declared as the party candidate from Hodal. Reposing faith in all its MLAs, the party said it would give ticket to all the 28 MLAs, besides four others.

The Congress has fielded Mewa Singh from Ladwa to take on BJP leader and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. Among others, the party has fielded Bharat Bhushan Batra from Rohtak, Kuldeep Vats from Badli, Chiranjeev Rao from Revari and Neeraj Sharma from Faridabad NIT.

The party has fielded Surender Panwar from Sonipat. He was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in July in an alleged illegal mining-linked money-laundering case.

The party has named Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) rebel Ram Karan as its candidate from the Shahbad reserved seat, besides Independent MLA Dharam Pal Gondar from Nilokheri. Both had switched over to the Congress recently.

**Wrestlers join party**

Ms. Phogat, who was the first Indian woman wrestler to reach the Olympics final, and had been at the forefront of protests against the then Wrestling Federation of India president and former BJP MP, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, joined the Congress earlier in the day, along with wrestler and bronze medallist Bajrang Punia.

Ms. Phogat said she felt proud to be part of a party that stood against the exploitation and the harassment of women and fought for them on the streets and in Parliament.

The election to the 90-seat Haryana Assembly is slated for October 5.

# Article 370 is history, will never come back: Shah

Home Minister releases BJP manifesto for J&K election, rules out alliance with PDP, NC, or Cong.; party promises return, rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits, but there is no mention of Statehood

**Peerzada Ashiq**
JAMMU

**Poll pledge:** Union Minister Amit Shah with J&K BJP chief Ravinder Raina during party's manifesto launch in Jammu on Friday. ANI

Emphasising that "Article 370 is part of history and will never come back", Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday released the BJP's manifesto for the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly election with a pledge to "wipe out terrorism and separatism" from the Union Territory.

Referring to the National Conference's poll manifesto that calls for the restoration of Article 370, Mr. Shah reiterated, "Article 370 has been buried forever. The BJP won't allow the efforts aimed at its restoration.".

He questioned Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's stance on the NC's manifesto, given that the two parties are allies. "Mr. Rahul must explain as to whether he and his party support the NC manifesto. It promises restoration of Article 370, release of stone-pelters and prisoners involved in promoting secessionism. I want to ask Rahul if he and his party want the revival of terrorism and separatism in J&K." he said.

On J&K's Statehood, which did not find any mention in the BJP's manifesto, Mr. Shah said, "On the floor of Parliament, I have said that Statehood will be granted to J&K at an appropriate time after Assembly polls. Why demand something that has already been accepted?"

Mr. Shah ruled out talks with Pakistan, saying that "talks and terror can't go together". He added: "No question of trade with Pakistan till terrorism is there. We will talk to the youth of Kashmir not Pakistan unless the country stops terrorism."

"Till 2014, J&K always remained in the shadow of separatism and terrorism. Different state and non-state actors kept the State unstable," Mr. Shah said. "Whenever the history of J&K will be written, these 10 years after 2014 will be marked as a golden period".

He also targeted the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), a former ally, saying that J&K had been plagued by separatism and terrorism till 2014. He ruled out any possibility of a BJP alliance with the NC, the PDP, or the Congress to form the government.

**Kashmiri Pandit rehab**

The manifesto contains 25 promises to work towards a "new J&K". The party has reached out to marginalised sections of the society and Kashmiri Pandits, who migrated from the Kashmir Valley in the face of militancy in the 1990s. The BJP plans to publish a White Paper and ensure accountability for all victims of terrorism, the manifesto said.

"To ensure the safe return and rehabilitation of the Kashmiri Pandit community, we will launch the Tika Lal Taploo Visthapit Samaj Punarvas Yojana. We will undertake the reconstruction of Hindu temples and shrines under Rishi Kashyapa Pilgrimage Rejuvenation Drive," it said.

The BJP also plans to restore 100 ruined temples and further develop existing temples, including the Shankaracharya Temple (Jyeshteshwara Temple), Raghunath Temple, and Marthanda Sun Temple.

It promised to conduct a free and fair census, "unlike yesteryears, thereby ensuring proper decision making, focusing on inclusive development, with targeted interventions for marginalised communities." The manifesto includes a special focus on women and youth and their financial security and self-reliance.

## INBRIEF

### Not returning to RJD, made that mistake twice, says Nitish

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Friday rubbished speculation of joining hands with the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) again and said that he had "made the mistake twice" and will not repeat it. Speculation of Mr. Kumar jumping ship has been rife ever since he met RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav at the Secretariat earlier this week. The Janata Dal (United) chief issued the statement while sharing the stage with Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda. "I made the mistake of going with them [RJD] twice. Now I will not go anywhere. We [NDA] have been together since 1995, whereas they [RJD] did not do any work. However, they keep getting space in the newspapers of Bihar and Delhi," Mr. Kumar said.

### Cricketer Ravindra Jadeja has joined BJP, says wife Rivaba

Cricketer Ravindra Jadeja joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) during its ongoing membership drive, his wife and party MLA Rivaba Jadeja has said. In a post on X on Thursday, Ms. Jadeja shared photos of Mr. Jadeja's membership card along with hers, with a hashtag, "Sadasyata Abhiyan 2024". Ms. Jadeja said the cricketer became a party member during the membership drive kickstarted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who renewed his membership in New Delhi on September 2. The seasoned India all-rounder announced his retirement from T20 Internationals in June this year. PTI

# Chautalas eye BJP and Congress turncoats

**Ashok Kumar**
GURUGRAM

**Election strategies:** Both alliances have adopted a wait-and-watch policy keeping the candidates' lists on hold. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Amid a flurry of resignations in the Haryana BJP over distribution of ticket for the Assembly election, and the Congress too expected to 'upset' a few ticket-seekers, coalitions led by the Chautalas in the State have kept the doors open for a few "prized catch" anticipating a political chaos.

While Dushyant Chautala's Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) is in alliance with the Azad Samaj Party (Kanshi Ram), the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD), led by former Leader of the Opposition Abhay Chautala, has tied up with Mayawati's Bahujan Samaj Party.

To boost electoral prospects, both alliances have adopted a wait-and-watch strategy, keeping the lists of candidates on hold to accommodate leaders from the two parties should they approach them.

Conceding that the JJP, an offshoot of the INLD, is new to Haryana politics and may not have suitable candidates for all the seats, a source in the party told *The Hindu* that the party was pinning hopes on deserters from the BJP and the Congress.

Claiming that already 15 to 20 BJP leaders have contacted the party leadership over the past two days, the source added that the number could go up after the Congress announces its list.

The JJP has named only 15 candidates so far, mostly those who are unlikely to be replaced, and its ally ASP has fielded only four candidates. While the JJP is contesting 70 seats, the ASP will contest 20 seats.

Most of the JJP's 10 MLAs from the 2019 Assembly election have left the party to join the Congress and the BJP after the polls were announced recently.

In Haryana, anyone contesting as an alliance candidate would get a boost of around 10,000-15,000 votes as compared to fighting as an Independent, said another JJP leader, adding that Mr. Dushyant, the former Deputy Chief Minister, was expected to be in New Delhi from September 6 and 10 to clear the names of candidates joining from other parties.

**JJP welcomes leaders**

"If even five to seven turncoats win in a multi-cornered contest, the JJP can again emerge as the key player," said the leader, adding that the party leadership will not shy away from approaching "good leaders" from other parties if it falls short of right candidates on some of the seats.

INLD media co-ordinator Rakesh Sihag said the party being cadre-based would prefer to field its own workers but was open to welcome leaders from the other parties with "good reputation and mass base". "We are not averse to accepting leaders from other parties, but not anyone and everyone is welcome," said Mr. Sihag.

Contesting 53 seats as part of the alliance, the INLD has announced only 10 candidates so far. Another INLD leader said a couple of BJP leaders were in touch with the party, but the leadership was not very keen on them due to the anti-incumbency sentiment against the BJP. He added that any heavyweight Congress leader would be preferred.

INLD's partner, the BSP, too has decided to wait till the announcement of Congress candidates before releasing its complete list.

# Prison inmate Sarjan challenges Omar Abdullah in J&K election

**The Hindu Bureau**
SRINAGAR

A contestant from jail has left National Conference (NC) vice president and candidate Omar Abdullah edgy once again.

Just four months ago, the former J&K Chief Minister lost the Baramulla Lok Sabha seat to Sheikh Rashid, also known as Engineer Rashid, who contested and won from Tihar Jail.

This time around, in the run-up to the Assembly election, it's Sarjan Ahmad Wagay, a cleric known as Sarjan Barkati, who is challenging Mr. Abdullah.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
e-mail:- serw_ctc@yahoo.com
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, CUTTACK
No:-Tender Online RWC -17/2024, Letter No.:- 2552 Date : 02.09.2024
e - Procurement NOTICE

1. Name of the Work : Construction of Bridge works.
2. Class of Contractor
c) Estimated cost more than Rs.6.00 Crore & upto Rs.50.00 Crore : Special Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.
d) Estimated cost more than Rs.1.00 Crore & upto Rs.20.00 Crore : A Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.
c) Estimated cost more than Rs.20.00 Lakh & upto Rs.3.00 Crore : B Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.
3. Time for Completion : As specified in the Column-7 of the Annexure
4. Detail Projects : As per Annexure attached
5. Other Details :

| Procurement Officer | Bid Identification No. | Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From | To | Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification | Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid | Financial Bid |
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| Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack. | Tender Online RWC - 17/24 | 09.09.2024 at 10.30 A.M. | 23.09.2024 up to 05.30 P.M | 21.09.2024 up to 05.00 P.M | 24.09.2024 at 10.30 A.M | Will be intimated later |

Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in .
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack.
O-249: OIPR-25097/11/0005/2425

GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN
DISTRICT SUPPLY OFFICE, KARAULI
Email- dsofood-krl-rj@nic.in Phone No.- 07464250569
क्रमांक - 1950 दिनांक : 03.09.2024
Notice Inviting Bid
e-Bids for selection of Handling and Transportation of Food grains Under PDS from FCI Depots in District Karauli are invited from interested bidders up to Date-23/09/2024 Time 11:59 pm Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in or http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state, The approximate value of the procurement is 3.12 crore for One year.
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(Brijesh Gupta)
District Supply Officer
Karauli
DIPR/C/8315/2024

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED
NOTICE INVITING BID
Bids for "Operation and Maintenance of various 132 kV Substations under RVPN Transmission system", against specification no. RVPN/EHV/A&SP/TN-123 (UBN: VPN2425SLOB01305) are invited from interested bidders up to 04:00PM, 27.09.2024. For other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in of the state and http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvpnl departmental website.
Superintending Engineer
Raj.Samwad/C/24/4836 RRVPN/TR-6340/2024 (Automation, N/M & SP), Jaipur

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Reg Office PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala)
Corporation Identification Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website: www.pspcl.in
(Contact Number - 96461-22227)
T.E. NO. 93/CE/DISTRIBUTION PROJECTS/RDSS/2024-25 dated 06/09/2024
T.E. NO. 94/CE/DISTRIBUTION PROJECTS/RDSS/2024-25 dated 06/09/2024
T.E. NO. 95/CE/DISTRIBUTION PROJECTS/RDSS/2024-25 dated 06/09/2024
CE/DISTRIBUTION PROJECTS invites E-Tenders from reputed and experienced firms firms for Development of Distribution Infrastructure for Feeder Segregation, Feeder Bifurcation, Cabling Works Reconductoring & Augmentation of HT and LT lines, Augmentation of Distribution Transformer, New DT and associated HT/LT line, Shunt capacitor banks/sets for 11kV lines & other works like earthing of first H-pole & DT's and restructuring of DTs for various packages of Punjab Under Reforms-Based and Results-Linked, Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).
For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 06.09.2024.
Note: Corrigendum & addendum, if any, will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in
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Rashtrapati Nivas, Shimla-171005
Advertisement No.: 002—2024-25
The Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS) Shimla, invites applications for the following from all parts and regions of the country, as well as from abroad :
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(a) National Fellowship
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The interested scholars may submit their applications for the Fellowships online by visiting the Institute website i.e. www.iias.ac.in by 30th November 2024.
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Secretary
IIAS, Shimla

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
INVITATION OF BIDS – TWO COVER – ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM (E-Submission)

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| IFB No. | 03/ F.O& M of CWSS -2024-2026 / SDO (T7)/ CE/ CBE/ 2024/ Dt.05.09.2024 |
| Eligibility | Registered Class I Contractors |
| Tender Invitee | The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, No.30, Siruvani Nagar, Bharathi park Road, Coimbatore - 641 043. |
| Downloading period | 09.09.2024 to 25.09.2024 upto 15.00 Hours |
| Available website | E-Tendering website https://tntenders.gov.in |
| EMD Payable at | Online mode through e-tendering portal |
| Pre-Bid meeting | 18.09.2024 at 11.00 Hours at the office of the Tender Invitee |
| Bid Submission | 25.09.2024 before 15.00 Hours Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering website https://tntenders.gov.in |
| Bid opening | 26.09.2024 at 15.30 Hours for Sl.No.01 and at 15.45 Hours for Sl.No.02 at the office of the Tender Invitee. Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through e-Tendering website https://tntenders.gov.in |

| Sl. No | Name of work | Approximate value of work (Rs. In Crore including GST @ 18%) | Bid security (Rs.in lakhs) |
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| Operation and Maintenance of the following CWSS including repairs, rectification works and supply of Chemicals for One year and five months for the period from 01.11.2024 to 31.03.2026 (2024-25 & 2025-26) | | | |
| 1. | CWSS to Thondamuthur and 6 other Town Panchayats and 134 Rural Habitations in Thondamuthur Union of Coimbatore District. | 3.06 | 2.30 |
| 2. | CWSS to 253 Habitations in Kulithalai and Thogamalai unions of Karur District. | 1.92 | 1.44 |

DIPR/ 3562 /TENDER/2024
SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS
Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Coimbatore

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS : TIRUPATI
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER TENDER NOTICE
Adv.No.20/D3/CE/TTD/2024-25 & NIT No.105/SE-II & 21/SE-III/TTD/2024-25 Dt:05/09/2024
Name of works: (1) Providing galleries at North West corner of mada streets in open space at Tirumala, Amount Rs.525 Lakhs, Time for completion 12 months.
(2) Providing interiors, Acoustic treatment, Paintings, Electrical works including Air-Conditioning & Yard lighting etc.,for S.V.Auditorium in S.V. College, New Delhi, Amount Rs.580 Lakhs, Time for completion 12 months.
NOTE: For full details log on to the website https://www.tirumala.org.
TTD-40021(31)/1/2024-PRO SEC (Adv.No.137), Date:06-09-2024 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Division, West Zone, Joint Commissioner (West) Office premises, 2nd Floor, Sampige Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560020
No: EE/PW/TEND/04/2024-25/CALL-2 Date : 06.09.2024
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS (IFT)
(TWO COVER SYSTEM) CALL-2 (SERVICE TENDER)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)
The Executive Engineer (Project-West), BBMP, Bengaluru invites Bids on behalf of the Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike for the following services from reputed Service Provider for the below work through e-procurement portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

| Sl. No. | Name of the Works/Estimate amount in Rs. /EMD amount in Rs. |
|---|---|
| 1 | Providing Security Guards to BBMP Schools and Colleges of West Zone on Outsourced Basis. Estimate Amount in Rs. : 4,70,58,754/-, EMD amount in Rs. : 7,05,881/-. (Call-2) |

Calendar of Events:
1) Date of Commencement of Download of Document from e-Procurement website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in: 09-09-2024 from 3:00 P.M. onwards. 2) Date and Time of Pre-bid Meeting: On 12-09-2024 at 4:00 P.M. 3) Last Date and Time for uploading tenders in e-Procurement Portal: On 30-09-2024 Upto 4:00 P.M. 4) Opening of Technical bid : On 03-10-2024 at 4:30 P.M. 5) Opening of Financial bid : On 05-10-2024 at 4:30 P.M. (if possible).
The RFP is open to all Service Provider / Bidder / Participant in the e-procurement platform. The detailed RFP with the Bid document can be downloaded from the e-procurement portal.
Sd/-, Executive Engineer (Project-West), BBMP, Bengaluru-560020.

Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
No.8, "Samparka Soudha", Dr. Rajkumar Road,
Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bengaluru-560 010. Telefax : 080-22024000
e-mail : mdkrdcl@gmail.com, cekrdcl@gmail.com Website: http://www.krdcl.in
No. KRDCL/IFB/2024-25/07 Dated: 05-09-2024
TENDER NOTIFICATION (through KPP Portal)
Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) invites tender from agencies having experience in respect of following works as per the requirement of Bengaluru City Traffic Police on item rate tender basis in two cover system as detailed below :
Name of the Work: Providing Maintenance Services to existing 339 Nos. Traffic Signal lights and Network connectivity to TMC in Bengaluru City under Bengaluru City Road Safety and Traffic Management Project to Bengaluru City Traffic Police Division for a period of one year. Amount put to tender (Excluding GST @18%) (in Rs.) : 3,34,27,411/-. Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.): 5,01,450/-. Period of Services : One Year.
Interested applicants may download bidding documents from the e-Procurement Portal www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and submit the bids and EMD (electronically) through KPP Portal only.
The Calendar of events for various activities is as follows: (1) The last date and time for submission of queries is : 12.09.2024 upto 17.30 Hrs. The applicants may submit their queries through electronic mail: cekrdcl@gmail.com (2) Pre-bid meeting will be held on 13.09.2024 at 11.30 Hrs. in the Office of the Joint Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru City Police, No. 5, Traffic Management Centre, 2nd Floor, Infantry Road, Bengaluru-560001. (3) The last date and time for submission of bids is 20.09.2024 upto 17.30 Hrs. (4) Date and time of opening of Technical bids is : 23.09.2024 at 11.00 Hrs.
*Please note henceforth, any changes in the schedule will not be published through Newspapers and further changes will be updated only on Karnataka Public Procurement portal website.
Sd/-
Chief Engineer
KRDCL, Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/YC/1877/2024-25

## INBRIEF

### BSF asks BGB to prevent illegal entry of Bangladeshis

The Border Security Force (BSF) said it had held more than 700 meetings with its counterpart Border Guard Bangladesh in the past one month. The BSF said BGB officials had been instructed to prevent Bangladeshi nationals from infiltrating into India. "During the meetings, the BGB gave an assurance that it will take all steps for the safety of Indian citizens and people belonging to minority communities in Bangladesh," the BSF said. Officials of both the border guarding forces are in constant contact and sharing information on various operational matters on real-time basis.

### Man assaults scrap collector in Ujjain; people make video

A woman scrap collector was raped allegedly by a man after he forced her to consume liquor in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, a police official said on Thursday. After the woman filed a complaint, the accused was arrested. "We have identified three suspects who shot a video of the incident and made it viral. These people shot videos of the incident instead of stopping the crime. As per our information, all of them are at different locations and police teams are trying to nab them," a police official said. The Congress has questioned the silence of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on the issue. PTI

# NTCA letter on relocation from tiger zones draws ire

Apex tiger conservation authority asks 19 States to 'prioritise' removal of residents from core tiger zones; senior Environment Ministry official says these letters are routine and periodic reminders

**Jacob Koshy**
NEW DELHI

A recent letter by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) – the apex body tasked with tiger conservation – asking 19 States to "prioritise" the removal of villagers who are residents in the core tiger zones has drawn the ire of several organisations and activists, who have written to Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav protesting against these directions.

"It has been observed that 591 villages comprising 64,801 families are still residing in the core area (of the tiger zone). The progress of village relocation is very slow and it poses grave concern in the light of tiger conservation," said the letter written by G.S. Bharadwaj, Additional DGF (Project Tiger) and Member Secretary, NTCA to Subhash Malkede, Chief Wildlife Warden, Karnataka on June 19.

Though *The Hindu* has only viewed this letter, similar letters have been sent to other States too. Karnataka has 81 villages in the core zone, with 1,175 families having been relocated since the inception of Project Tiger in 1973.

The "core zone" is a tiger reserve area where tribals cannot live, while hunting and collecting forest produce is banned. FILE PHOTO

The "core zone" refers to the portion in a tiger reserve where tribals cannot live and activities such as hunting and collecting forest produce is banned. There is a concentric circle outside the "core zone" called the buffer zone where these restrictions are eased but regulated.

There are 53 tiger reserves in India across 19 States, with 848 villages comprising 89,808 families in the core zone. Since 1973, 257 of these villages comprising 25,007 families have been relocated. The Wildlife Act says that core zones are to be "inviolate" and these must be made so by coaxing residents to "voluntarily relocate" on "mutually agreed terms and conditions".

"We are appalled at the step taken by the NTCA directing the relocation of the forest dependent communities in flagrant violation of all the relevant laws," read the letter by the organisations dated September 5.

The letter alleges that the NTCA's relocation orders were in "complete violation" of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, the Forest Rights Act, the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act (LARR), and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

"The NTCA action put pressure on the State governments to relocate communities... forcing the State governments to commit illegalities. This would lead to massive conflicts between State authorities and the Scheduled Tribes and other forest dwelling tribes living in the tiger reserves," the letter added.

A senior official in the Environment Ministry, who declined to be identified, told *The Hindu* that these letters were "routine" and periodic reminders to the States to make core zones inviolate. "The process of relocation is voluntary and cannot be done without settling the rights of forest dwellers. There are several success stories but it is a necessarily slow process as data will show."

# PM meets teachers, pitches for education in mother tongue

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Narendra Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday interacted with teachers who have been conferred the National Teachers Awards and spoke to them about the importance of getting education in one's mother tongue.

The awardees shared their teaching experience with the Prime Minister and talked about techniques used to make learning more interesting. Mr. Modi commended their dedication to the craft of teaching.

**NEP's impact discussed**

He discussed the impact of the National Education Policy and spoke about the significance of mother tongue in education. He suggested that the teachers can teach local folklore to students in different languages so that the children can learn multiple languages and get exposure to the vibrant culture of India.

"Teachers can take their students on educational tours to explore India's diversity, which will aid their learning and also help them get to know about their country in a holistic manner," he said. He added that this will boost tourism and give a fillip to the local economy as well.

He suggested that the awardees should connect through social media and share their best practices so that everyone can learn, adapt and benefit.

The National Teachers Awards are given to celebrate and honour the unique contribution of some of the finest teachers in the country. For the awards this year, 82 teachers from across the country were selected, which include 50 teachers selected by the Department of School Education & Literacy, 16 teachers by the Department of Higher Education, and 16 teachers by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

# India, EU aim to build stronger ties between their military personnel

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Hervé Delphin with the Indian delegation of senior officials led by Muanpuii Saiawi in Brussels, Belgium, on Thursday. ANI

As part of efforts to expand existing defence cooperation, India and the European Union aim to establish more permanent staff-to-staff interactions, including with military personnel, which will boost the joint operational effectiveness in tackling challenges faced at sea, on land and in cyberspace, Ambassador of the EU to India Hervé Delphin said.

A group of officials from the Defence Ministry and Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) are in Europe on a three-day study visit, facilitated by the EU delegation in India, to learn about the EU's security and defence mechanisms while exploring potential cooperation in Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions and in the Indo-Pacific, the EU Delegation to India and Bhutan said in a statement on Thursday.

"This visit highlights the shared commitment of India and the EU to strengthening security and defence ties. Maritime security is a common concern and prime focus for cooperation as exemplified by the EU Naval Force (NAVFOR) Atalanta and Indian Navy respective operations in the Indian Ocean. Through such visits we can build a deeper mutual understanding, which is essential for advancing cooperation," Mr. Delphin said.

On the EU NAVFOR operations, Mr. Delphin said the Indo-Pacific region is a vital hub of strategic importance to both India and the EU due to the growing interdependence of global economies and the importance of maritime supply chains. "We're committed to forge a stronger cooperation with India to ensure free, open, inclusive and rules-based maritime order, address common security challenges and promote peace and stability in the region," he added.

The Indian delegation was led by Muanpuii Saiawi, Joint Secretary, Disarmament & International Security Affairs Division, MEA, and accompanied by Captain (Navy) Fabrizio Falzi, Defence Attaché of the EU Delegation to India.

Stating that the EUNAVFOR Atalanta is a key component of EU's CSDP and naval diplomacy in the Indo-Pacific, the statement said India remains one of the most relevant actors and partners in the security and defence cooperation, including maritime security in the region.

The Indian officials' mission began with briefings and discussions at the European External Action Service, particularly on the directorate for security and defence policy, the European security and defence college and the European Union military staff. Representatives from the European Maritime Security Agency and FRONTEX also engaged with the delegation to further define possible areas of mutual interest between the EU and the Indian Coast Guard.

# Over 80% of IIT-Bhubaneswar faculty members belong to general category

**Satyasundar Barik**
BHUBANESWAR

Amid the ongoing debate surrounding the representation of Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes, and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the job sector, it has emerged that over 80% of faculty members at the Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar are from the unreserved categories.

Responding to information sought by Gowd Kiran Kumar, president of All India OBC Students Association, under the Right to Information Act, the authorities said that there was 300 sanctioned posts of professor, associate professor, and assistant professor.

Currently, 213 positions have been filled across various departments. As per the reply, 95 posts are lying vacant. A total of 171 out of the 213 posts have been filled by candidates belonging to the general category.

**Tracking representation**

The All India OBC Students Association had sought a reply under the RTI Act on faculty appointments in IIT-Bhubaneswar

- It found that 171 faculty members out of 213 posts filled were from the General Category
- 28 faculty members were from the Other Backward Classes
- 12 faculty members were from the Scheduled Castes, 1 from the Scheduled Tribes and 1 from the Economically Weaker Section

Twenty-eight candidates from the OBC category, including a person with disabilities, teach in the institute. One faculty member is from a tribal community, while 12 are from the Scheduled Castes. One person is from the Economically Weaker Section.

"We began filing RTI applications in 2018 to gather information on faculty appointments in Central government institutions. To our astonishment, we discovered that at that time, only nine professors belonged to OBCs in across 45 Central universities nationwide," Mr. Kiran said.

"We met Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan twice to bring this issue to his attention. He responded positively, directing all Central institutes to initiate special drives to fill vacant positions in line with the reservation policy. However, the recent data from IIT, Bhubaneswar is disheartening. The representation of marginalised communities remains alarmingly low, with only one tribal faculty member, making up just 0.4%," he pointed out.

Senior Congress leader Srikant Jena said, "It is mandatory for all Central institutes to adhere to the reservation policy. However, many fail to fill positions designated for reserved categories, often citing lack of suitable candidates as the reason. We will demand a thorough investigation into recruitment process followed by IIT, Bhubaneswar. If suitable candidates were not available, the institute should have made sincere efforts to scout for talents from reserved categories."

Reservation to the SCs, STs, and OBCs in case of direct recruitment on an all-India basis by open competition is given at the rate of 15%, 7.5%, and 27%, respectively.

Despite efforts to reach out to the IIT, Bhubaneswar for comments, no one was available to clarify the institution's position.

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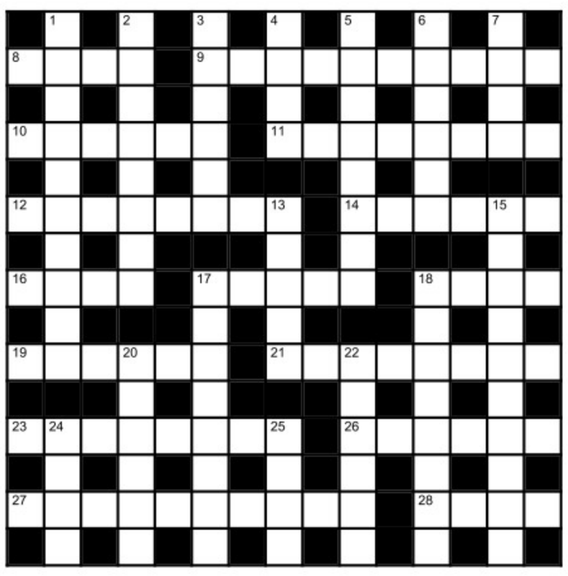

**Across**

**8** Tailless animal arrived (4)
**9** Perhaps greased cut bed rail by mistake (10)
**10** Says, "Total sales in the beginning" (6)
**11** Calming substance I have after crushing dates (8)
**12** Applaud before part is played? Nonsense! (8)
**14** A new head of department from the South American mountains (6)
**16** Drag North to small city (4)
**17** Student's eye opening (5)
**18** Groan produced by chap consuming egg (4)
**19** Sue wrongly takes first part of supper and consumes fully (4,2)
**21** Level of purity of prunes produced by Spain (8)
**23** War hero and top fighter pilots go around mount (8)
**26** All of a sudden rap tub excitedly (6)
**27** Remark about leading technology institute's promise (10)
**28** Solitary part of London Lyceum (4)

**Down**

**1** Gasp! A bird's trousers! (10)
**2** Legendary character's safe container (5,3)
**3** Nearer stopper (6)
**4** Nomadic aborigines throwing orange for bird (4)
**5** Unexpected gain from West Indian collapse (8)
**6** Quick! Journalist didn't eat! (6)
**7** German recreation vehicle fuel (4)
**13** Dad awake? Appear suddenly! (3,2)
**15** Pour water around a couple of pennies in part of neck (5,5)
**17** Fill into a data field, "Dad delayed procuring uniform" (8)
**18** Idiotic morons follow setter in toilet (4,4)
**20** Stain old Greek ligature (6)
**22** Market some material tonight (6)
**24** Sancho Panza's thick slice of meat (4)
**25** On return, wets dish (4)

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**Solution to previous puzzle**

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**Solution to yesterday's Sudoku**

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## FAITH

### Significance of Chaturthi

His very image brings a smile on a devotee's face. This is none other than Vinayaka, who commands the first spot among the pantheon of gods in temples. Lord Siva Himself had said that whoever undertakes a task without first seeking the blessings of Vinayaka will not succeed. Siva Himself had reason to recall His words, when He forgot to propitiate Vinayaka before embarking on a mission to fight three asuras, and when His chariot axle broke, he quickly prayed to Vinayaka and everything progressed smoothly after that, said P. Swaminathan.

Siva Puranam delineates Vinayaka's birth as a product of Parvati's desire to fashion a child by Herself. To this end, She made a boy out of clay, on the Chaturthi day in the Tamil month of Avani. The result was so spectacular that all the devas arrived to see the child. When Saturn arrived and espied the child, the child's head fell. Siva commanded His soldiers to fetch the head of the first being lying with its head northwards. An elephant head was brought and when affixed to the headless child, he came alive. Thus Vinayaka enjoys the status of having been created by Parvati and given a life, again by Siva, thereby becoming 'maha' Ganapati or the mighty One. Vinayaka is also associated with gnana, since He taught the universe that parents are the first gods to one.

## INBRIEF

### SpiceJet plans to raise more than ₹3,200 cr. via debt, equity

Cash-strapped domestic carrier SpiceJet plans to raise more than ₹3,200 crore through QIP, warrants and capital infusion by the promoter, the airline said in a presentation. The funds will be used for taking back the grounded fleet into operations, liability settlement, fleet induction and other general purposes, SpiceJet said. The airline, earlier in January, could raise only ₹1,060 crore against the ₹2,250 crore funding plan announced in December last year. PTI

### Israel's Tower Semiconductor, Adani plan $10-bn chip unit

Israel's Tower Semiconductor and Adani Group will invest ₹839.47 billion ($10 billion) for a semiconductor project in India's western State of Maharashtra, its Chief Minister said in a post on X on Thursday. India expects its semiconductor market to be worth $63 billion by 2026. The $10-billion semiconductor plant in Maharashtra will initially have a capacity of 40,000 wafers, the State's Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said in a post on X. REUTERS

### Dr. Reddy's Srikakulam API unit gets EIR from USFDA

An API manufacturing facility of generic drug firm Dr. Reddy's Laboratories in Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh, received U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (USFDA) establishment inspection report (EIR) with a voluntary action indicated classification. The facility (CTO-6) was inspected by the U.S. FDA from May 30-June 7 and issued a Form 483 with four observations. DRL had then said the observations will be addressed within the stipulated timeline.

# 'Vegetarian thali's cost slips 8%'

Crisil's monthly food plate cost tracker for August shows tomato prices softened by 51%; onion, potato prices, however, surged more than 50% keeping actual price paid by consumers for a vegetarian plate at second highest over the past year

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

A sharp 51% drop in tomato prices aided in an 8% decline in average vegetarian meal costs through August but onion and potato prices surged more than 50% and the actual price paid by consumers for a vegetarian plate remained the second highest over the past year at ₹31.2, just 4% below July levels, Crisil's food plate cost tracker shows.

Economists expect retail inflation to stay below the Reserve Bank of India's 4% inflation target for the second month in a row on base effects. Retail inflation had dipped to a five-year low of 3.5% in July, with food inflation at a 13-month low of 5.4%. In August 2023, retail prices had surged 6.8% with food inflation exceeding 9.9%.

"High frequency data for perishables point to a moderation in momentum... which together with remnant base effects are likely to keep headline inflation in the lower half of the target band at 3.2%," said Radhika Rao, senior economist at DBS Bank.

Bank of Baroda's monthly Essential Commodity Index rose 3.1% in August, after July's 5% increase, and slid 1% on a sequential basis following a 2.1% month-on-month uptick in July. "This is led by a correction in prices of vegetables, especially tomato, while other essential commodities also moderated sequentially, so we expect inflation... at 4% in August," said Aditi Gupta, an economist at the bank.

Pushan Sharma, research director at Crisil Market Intelligence and Analytics cautioned that potato prices were likely to remain firm owing to late blight infestations in some key States.

**Plate view**

Crisil's food plate cost tracker shows average price of a veg. meal was ₹31.2 last month, just 4% below July levels

- Economists see retail inflation below RBI's 4% target for a second month on base effects
- DBS Bank's Radhika Rao sees August CPI inflation at 3.2%
- Crisil Market Intelligence's Sharma cautions potato prices are likely to stay firm due to late blight infestations in some key States

## Sensex falls 1.2% as FPIs offload stocks

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

The benchmark S&P BSE Sensex fell about 1.2% on Friday led by banking and heavyweight stocks.

The Sensex slumped 1,017.23 points to close at 81,183.93. Sensex stocks which lost most value included State Bank of India (4.4%), ICICI Bank (2.22%), NTPC (2.08%), HCL Tech (2.02%), Reliance (1.92%) and Tata Motors (1.87%). The NSE Nifty-50 index too fell 1.17% to 24,852.15.

**'Final deadline'**

Ameya Ranadive, Certified Market Technician, StoxBox said: "The massive sell-off can be attributed to the final deadline for FPIs to disclose their beneficial owners to the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

"Failure to meet this requirement would result in FPIs' disqualification from investing in India, forcing liquidation of their holdings. This regulatory pressure led FPIs to sell their stock, causing a broad market decline," he added.

## HUL sets up panel to mull future of ice cream vertical

**Lalatendu Mishra**
MUMBAI

The Board of Hindustan Unilever Ltd. (HUL), met on Friday to discuss the future of its ice cream business and decided to constitute a committee of its Independent Directors. This committee will evaluate the business in detail and recommend to the Board the best way forward, bearing all stakeholders' interests in mind.

This follows an announcement by Unilever PLC, earlier this year, about its intention to separate its global ice cream business across jurisdictions.

## RInfra said to eye EVs, taps ex-BYD official

**Reuters**
NEW DELHI

Reliance Infrastructure is considering plans to manufacture electric cars and batteries, and has hired a former India executive at China's BYD Co. to advise it on its plans, two sources briefed on the matter told Reuters.

The firm, part of Anil Ambani's Reliance Group, hired external consultants to conduct a 'cost feasibility' study for setting up an EV plant with an initial capacity of about 2,50,000 vehicles a year, to be scaled up to 7,50,000 over some years, the first source said.

It is also looking at the feasibility of building a battery plant starting with 10 gigawatt hours (GWh) of capacity and scaling up to 75 GWh over a decade, the person added.

Reliance Infrastructure did not respond to a request for comment on its plans. Former BYD executive Sanjay Gopalakrishnan, who has joined as a consultant to advise on the project, did not respond to a request for comment.

## NCLAT directs status quo on Adani's Coastal Energen plan

**Sanjay Vijayakumar**
CHENNAI

**Secured lenders were to receive ₹3,330 cr., or about 28.52% of admitted claims of about ₹11,677 crore**

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), Chennai ordered status quo to be maintained in the matter of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process of Coastal Energen Private Ltd.

The order was based on an appeal filed by Ahmed Buhari, erstwhile director of Coastal Energen, before the NCLAT against the approval of ₹3,335.52-crore resolution plan submitted by Dickey Alternative Investment Trust and Adani Power Ltd. consortium for the company.

NCLAT Judicial Member Justice Sharad Kumar Sharma and Technical Member Jatindranath Swain directed Resolution Professional Radhakrishnan Dharmarajan to run the Coastal Energen plant and maintain the resolution amount in a separate account until the case is decided on merits.

The NCLAT has posted the case for September 18.

Interestingly, the development comes even as the Dickey Alternative Investment Trust (DAIT) and Adani Power consortium have already implemented the resolution plan and taken over Coastal Energen.

Last month, the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) Chennai gave the nod for Dickey Alternative Investment Trust and Adani Power's resolution plan. Coastal Energen owns and operates an imported coal-based thermal power plant at Tuticorin in the State of Tamil Nadu.

As per the approved resolution plan, secured lenders of Coastal Energen will get about ₹3,330 crore, which is 28.52% of the admitted claims of about ₹11,677 crore. The NCLT admitted Coastal Energen for the corporate insolvency resolution process via an order dated February 4, 2022, following a case filed by the State Bank of India.

## 'Permit real growth, avoid 'China's EV colony' tag'

**Press Trust of India**
NEW DELHI

The government should allow the domestic EV sector to grow naturally without relying on sops as it would help India to avoid becoming an 'EV colony' for China, think tank GTRI said.

India faces unique challenges not faced by other countries in adopting EVs at large scale, it added.

The challenges include 80% of power generated from fossil fuels like coal.

"Instead of rushing into fray with heavy incentives or falling into dependence on Chinese imports, India has the opportunity to let EV sector evolve naturally."

## TPL to tap additional LAB capacity in FY26

**N. Anand**
CHENNAI

Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd. (TPL) is preparing to commission enhanced capacities of its Linear Alkyl Benzene (LAB) and caustic soda plants in FY26.

TPL's LAB plant capacity is being augmented from 120 tonne per annum (TPA) to 145 TPA. Till March, TPL committed ₹164 crore towards design engineering and ordering plant and machinery.

The capacity enhancement is estimated to cost ₹240 crore and is expected to go on stream by FY26, as per the petrochemical manufacturer's annual report.

Modernisation and expansion of Caustic Soda plant will cost TPL ₹165 crore. It will lead to an increase in production volume from 150 TPD to 250 TPD. Till March, TPL has incurred ₹70 crore and the project is expected to go on stream by June 2025.

LAB is used extensively in detergent production and also as solvent and binder in specialty products, while caustic soda finds applications in textile, pulp and paper, aluminum and soaps and detergents.

## 'Technical textiles will cross $10 bn in export'

**The Hindu Bureau**
COIMBATORE

Giriraj Singh

Annual export of technical textiles will cross $10 billion by 2030, said Giriraj Singh, Union Minister for Textiles, on Friday, while inaugurating a conference and exhibition on technical textiles in New Delhi.

He spoke of the rise in consumption and importance of man-made fibres (MMF) and technical textiles globally and locally.

The Government has launched the National Technical Textiles Mission and PLI Scheme for MMF, Apparel and Technical Textiles and has sanctioned 156 research projects under the Mission.

According to the Union Textiles Secretary Rachna Shah global trade in technical textiles is around $300 billion, while India's domestic market size is $25 billion and annual exports are worth $ 2.6 billion.

Jt. Secretary Rajeev Saxena said Quality Control Orders were released for 57 technical textiles items, including fire retardant furniture fabrics and 37 new Harmonised System codes were introduced for technical textile products.

Government of India
**OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II**
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT2)**
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**DEMAND NOTICE**

**NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961**
**Union Bank of India**
**(Corporation Bank)**
**Versus**
**Smt. Y.C. Kavya and Others**

**To**
**(CH) Union Bank of India**
**Chakkere Branch, Chakkere**
**Channapatna Taluk, Karnataka-562160**
**... Certificate Holder**

**Vs**
**(CD 1) Smt. Y.C. Kavya**
**W/o Sri Puttappa Thubinakere Village, Chakkere Post, Channapatna - 562162, Karnataka**
**(CD 2) Sri T.C. Puttappa S/o Sri Channegowda, Thubinakere Village, Chakkere Post, Channapatna Taluk, Karnataka-562162**
**- Certificate Debtors**

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2) in **OA/426/2019** an amount of **Rs. 1372102 (Rupees Thirteen Lakshs Seventy Two Thousands One Hundred Two Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest @ 14.60% Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. **14/03/2019** till realization and costs of **Rs. 16305 (Rupees Sixteen Thousands Three Hundred Five Only)** has become due against you jointly and severally.

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4.Your hereby order to appear before the undersigned within 15days from this notice.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay :

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/ execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date : **14-03-2024**

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 to the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961 read with Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 (Amended from time to time) which is reproduced as under : "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the debts recovery officer nor shall be any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter or any debt, divided or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 Years.

You are directed that the payment made, if any, by the Certificate Debtor(s) be credited to the consolidated account of all debts due in this case from the Certificate Debtor(s) and the Recovery Officer kept posted with the payment position regularly. The consolidated account so maintained will be subject to the verification of the Recovery Officer. You are further directed to submit an up to date statement of the total claim in respect of the above matter and full details of property particulars where from the recovery of the debts in to be made.

**Sd/- Recovery Officer**
**Debts Recovery Tribunal**
**Bangalore (DRT 2)**

**VISVESVARAYA TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**
"Jnana Sangama" Belagavi - 590018, Karnataka, India.

No: VTU/BGMRE/2024-25/IFT No.32/2661 Date: 06-09-2024

**TENDER NOTIFICATION-Two Cover System**
**(e-Procurement Only) Exclusively for Scheduled Tribe Applicants**

The e-Tender is invited induplicate from eligible tenderers, registered Contractor, by the Registrar, Visvesvaraya Technological University, "Jnana Sangama", Belagavi-18, under standard tender document procedure K/W format for the following work of Providing and Formation of Roads, Interlocking Pathways, Drainage systems Adjacent to Existing Asphalt Road at University B.D.T College of Engineering Davanagere, amounting to **Rs.55,07,171/- (Exuding GST).** The tenderers, who have executed similar nature of single work costing 25% of amount put to tender, shall only apply for this works. Other details log on to website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on **09-09-2024**.

**Sd/- Registrar,**
**VTU, Belagavi**

DIPR/Belagavi/768/Adverto/2024-25

**HUBLI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LTD**
**(Wholly Owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)**
**Superintending Engineer (Ele), Tendering & Procurement Navanagar, P.B. Road, Hubli-580 025**
**Phone : 9448277602, Fax : 0836-2324307**
**E-mail ID : seetp.hescom@gmail.com, seetp@hescom.co.in**
**Corporate Identity Number (CIN): U31401KA2002SGC030437**
No: HESCOM/SEE(T&P)/E-7/AEE-1/2024-25/cys-3955 Date : 05.09.2024

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**
**(E-Procurement Portal Only)**

The undersigned invites tenders in two parts (Part –I: Techno-Commercial Bid and Part-II :Price Bid) through e-procurement portal for manufacture & supply of the following.

| Sl.No | Particulars | Enq. No. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 8 SWG G I Wire | HESCOM/2024-25/IND0081 |
| 2 | 11 KV 200A SB GOS with H frame set | HESCOM/2024-25/IND0080 |

For further details visit the website : **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on OR after **05.09.2024**

**Sd/- Superintending Engineer, (Ele)**
**Tendering & Procurement, HESCOM, Hubballi**
DIPR/DWD/KSMCA/360/2024-25

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,**
**DIVISION, CHITRADURGA**

No.EE:PWD:CTA:AE-1:Tender-12:2024-25: Dated:- 05.09.2024

**SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION**

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through KPPP Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Name of work:- Two cover System:- Head of Account 5054-03-337-0-17-154 SH Improvements:- **(1)** Improvements to road of Chitradurga-Machenhalli (Andhra border) Via Belaghatta, Bosedevarahatti, Nayakanahatty, Mallurahalli, Maleboranahatti, Mustalagummi from Km 34.56 to 53.73 in Challakere taluk. (Working Reach 34.56 to 38.20) (WI.14882) Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs :-500.00

**(2)** Road safety works on Kumata Kodumadagi road (SH-48) from Km 292.30 to 298.00 in Challakere taluk. (Improvements to Junction, Fixing of Highmast light) (Working Ch - 294.60 to 296.95) (WI.15193) Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs :-400.00

**(1)** Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 18-09-2024 Time: 17.30 **(2)** Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 19-09-2024 Time: 16.00 **(3)** Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 20-09-2024 Time: 16.15 **(4)** Date & time for opening of Financial Bid 23-09-2024 Time: 11.00

Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/ 251/2024-25

**Sd/- Executive Engineer**
**PWD, Chitradurga.**

## MARKETS

### MARKET WATCH

| | FRIDAY | % CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Sensex | 81,184 | -1.24 |
| US Dollar | 83.95 | 0.02 |
| Gold | 74,200 | 0.14 |
| Brent oil | 70.79 | -2.98 |

### NIFTY 50

| | PRICE | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Adani Enter | 2975.45 | -39.90 |
| Adani Ports | 1442.40 | -23.15 |
| Apollo Hosp | 6906.80 | -27.50 |
| Asian Paints | 3273.70 | 35.45 |
| Axis Bank | 1158.75 | -21.80 |
| Bajaj Auto | 10830.10 | -25.65 |
| Bajaj Finserv | 1857.15 | -7.80 |
| Bajaj Finance | 7317.15 | 72.25 |
| Bharti Airtel | 1539.25 | -7.95 |
| BPCL | 352.15 | -8.55 |
| Britannia Ind | 5843.55 | -6.45 |
| Cipla | 1611.05 | -16.70 |
| Coal India | 488.55 | -8.45 |
| Divis Lab | 5137.80 | 16.90 |
| Dr Reddys Lab | 6667.15 | -28.60 |
| Eicher Motors | 4752.50 | -47.60 |
| Grasim Ind | 2692.85 | -48.75 |
| HCL Tech | 1756.10 | -34.45 |
| HDFC Bank | 1636.95 | -8.50 |
| HDFC Life | 738.40 | -13.45 |
| Hero MotoCorp | 5743.75 | 9.55 |
| Hindalco | 667.10 | -2.85 |
| Hind Unilever | 2838.95 | 0.50 |
| ICICI Bank | 1208.15 | -27.80 |
| IndusInd Bank | 1409.35 | -13.55 |
| Infosys | 1901.85 | -31.30 |
| ITC | 501.70 | -9.50 |
| JSW Steel | 932.80 | 7.35 |
| Kotak Bank | 1764.15 | -13.80 |
| L&T | 3574.75 | -49.40 |
| LTIMindtree Ltd. | 6165.40 | 16.10 |
| M&M | 2698.10 | -25.00 |
| Maruti Suzuki | 12186.15 | -112.45 |
| NestleIndia | 2503.20 | -1.70 |
| NTPC | 394.80 | -8.45 |
| ONGC | 308.80 | -2.60 |
| PowerGrid Corp | 329.80 | -1.45 |
| Reliance Ind | 2929.65 | -56.30 |
| SBI Life | 1896.30 | -11.55 |
| State Bank | 782.50 | -36.25 |
| Shriram Finance Ltd. | 3235.65 | -9.85 |
| Sun Pharma | 1824.55 | -1.95 |
| TataConsumerProduct | 1173.85 | -14.80 |
| Tata Motors | 1049.35 | -19.80 |
| Tata Steel | 151.22 | -0.50 |
| TCS | 4456.75 | -19.20 |
| Tech Mahindra | 1623.25 | -16.25 |
| Titan | 3695.50 | -27.35 |
| UltraTech Cement | 11432.85 | -109.80 |
| Wipro | 520.60 | -4.25 |

### EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 06

| CURRENCY | TT BUY | TT SELL |
|---|---|---|
| US Dollar | 83.75 | 84.07 |
| Euro | 93.00 | 93.36 |
| British Pound | 110.32 | 110.75 |
| Japanese Yen (100) | 58.56 | 58.79 |
| Chinese Yuan | 11.82 | 11.87 |
| Swiss Franc | 99.40 | 99.80 |
| Singapore Dollar | 64.47 | 64.73 |
| Canadian Dollar | 62.05 | 62.31 |
| Malaysian Ringitt | 19.33 | 19.42 |
| Australian Dollar | 56.40 | 56.62 |

Source:Indian Bank

NEW YORK

## Judge delays Trump sentencing until after election in November

GETTY IMAGES VIA AFP

Sentencing of Donald Trump in his New York hush money trial was delayed on Friday until after November's presidential election. The former President had been scheduled to be sentenced on September 18 for falsifying business records in a scheme to silence an adult star's politically damaging story. AFP

BANGKOK

## Myanmar armed group says 11 civilians killed in junta air strikes

AFP

Myanmar military air strikes in northern Shan state killed 11 civilians and wounded 11 more, a spokesperson for an ethnic minority armed group battling the junta said on Friday. The junta is battling widespread armed opposition to its 2021 coup and its soldiers are accused of using air and artillery strikes on civilians. AFP

JAKARTA

## Indonesia arrests seven over 'terror threats' against the Pope

AFP

Indonesia arrested seven people for making "terror threats" online against Pope Francis during his visit to the world's most populous Muslim-majority country this week, police said on Friday. They are accused of posting statements and images online that threatened bomb attacks on the pope's public meetings in Jakarta. AFP

NABLUS

## American shot dead in West Bank where Israeli forces opened fire

REUTERS

A Turkish-American woman was shot dead on Friday while demonstrating against Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank town of Beita, where the Army acknowledged opening fire. Turkiye condemned her death, while the U.S. called it a "tragic" event, without immediately assigning responsibility. AFP

# Zelenskyy seeks U.S. nod to strike deeper inside Russia

In Germany meet, Ukrainian President asks for more weapons; Washington announces it will provide another $250 million in security assistance to Kyiv; 'Putin's malice runs deep,' says Austin

**Associated Press**
RAMSTEIN AIR BASE

**Key assistance:** Lloyd Austin and Volodymyr Zelenskyy attend a Ukraine Defence Contact Group meeting on Friday in Germany. AFP

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy pressed for more weapons support during a meeting Friday with top U.S. military leaders and more than 50 partner nations in Germany, as Washington announced it would provide another $250 million in security assistance to Kyiv.

U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said the meeting of the leaders was taking place during a dynamic moment in Ukraine's fight against Russia, as it conducts its first offensive operations of the war while facing a significant threat from Russian forces near a key hub in the Donbas.

It was Mr. Zelenskyy's first time to come to Ramstein to address the group, and he used the public appearance to stress that, in his view, what is needed most now is for the U.S. and the West to allow him to use the weapons they provided to strike deeper inside Russia – something the U.S. has not supported out of concern it would further escalate the war.

"We need to have this long-range capability, not only on the divided territory of Ukraine, but also on the Russian territory, so that Russia is motivated to seek peace," Mr. Zelenskyy told the members. "We need to make Russian cities and even Russian soldiers think about what they need: peace or Putin."

So far, the surprise assault inside Russia's Kursk territory – in which Mr. Zelenskyy said Ukraine's Army has been able to capture about 1,300 sq. km of Russian territory and kill or injure about 6,000 Russian soldiers – has not drawn away President Vladimir Putin's focus from taking the Ukrainian city of Pokrovsk, which provides critical rail and supply links for the Ukrainian Army. Losing Pokrovsk could put additional Ukrainian cities at risk.

While Kursk has put Russia on the defensive, "we know Putin's malice runs deep," Mr. Austin cautioned in prepared remarks to the media before the Ukraine Defence Contact Group met. Moscow is pressing on, especially around Pokrovsk, Mr. Austin said.

The meeting Friday was expected to focus on resourcing more air defence and artillery supplies and shoring up gains on expanding Ukraine's own defence industrial base, to put it on more solid footing as the final days of Joe Biden's U.S. presidency wind down.

Western partner nations were working with Ukraine to source a substitute missile for its Soviet-era S-300 air defence systems, Mr. Austin said.

## One killed, 50 injured in Russian strike on Pavlograd

**Agence France-Presse**
KYIV

Russian strikes on the Ukrainian central city of Pavlograd on Friday killed one person and injured more than 50 others, including three children, authorities said.

Russia has stepped up its aerial attacks on Ukraine since Kyiv launched an unprecedented cross-border offensive into Russia's Kursk region last month.

Five Iskander ballistic missiles were fired from Russian territory toward Pavlograd in the central Dnipropetrovsk region, according to Ukraine's air force. The attack led to "several fires in the city", including in an apartment in a high-rise building.

# 17 students killed in fire at Kenya school dormitory

**Associated Press**
NAIROBI

Destruction left on the Nyeri county's Hillside Endarasha Academy dorm room in Nyeri county after a fire on Friday. AFP

A fire in a school dormitory in Kenya killed 17 students and seriously burned 13, the police said on Friday.

There are fears that the death toll may rise, the police said.

The cause of the fire Thursday night at Hillside Endarasha Primary in Nyeri county was being investigated, police spokesperson Resila Onyango said. The school caters to children up to the age of 14.

Nyeri County Commissioner Pius Murugu and the Education Ministry reported that the dormitory that caught fire housed more than 150 boys aged between 10 and 14. Since most of the buildings are built with wooden planks, the fire spread very fast.

The school, which has 824 students, is located in the country's central highlands, 200 km north of the capital, Nairobi, where wooden structures are common.

The Nyeri County governor, Mutahi Kahiga, told presspersons that rescue efforts were hampered by the muddy roads caused by ongoing rains in the area.

Anxious parents who had been unable to trace their children among survivors waited at the school, engulfed with grief.

President William Ruto called the news "devastating."

School fires are common in Kenyan boarding schools, often due to arson fuelled by drug abuse and overcrowding, according to a recent Ministry report.

## 'Purely military approach' not the key in Gaza: Germany

**Agence France-Presse**
TEL AVIV

Annalena Baerbock

German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock said on Friday that a military approach alone was not the solution to Israel's war against Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

"The past weekend has dramatically demonstrated that a purely military approach is no solution to the situation in Gaza," she told presspersons after meeting with her Israeli counterpart Israel Katz in the coastal Israeli city of Tel Aviv. Ms. Baerbock was referring to the recovery of six more dead hostages announced on Sunday.

Ms. Baerbock on Friday called for "a ceasefire now" and also spoke out against hawkish statements by Israeli officials about the West Bank, where the army raid has left at least 36 dead.

## U.K. slams Google for 'anti-competitive' practices in ad tech

**Associated Press**
LONDON

Google was slammed Friday by U.K. regulators who say it is taking advantage of its dominance in digital advertising to thwart competition in Britain, ratcheting up pressure that the tech giant is facing on both sides of the Atlantic over its "ad tech" business practices.

Britain's Competition and Markets Authority said that the U.S. company gives preference to its own services to the detriment of online publishers and advertisers in Britain's 1.8 billion pound ($2.4 billion) digital ad market. The watchdog levelled its accusations after an investigation, and the findings could potentially lead to a fine worth billions of dollars or an order to change its behaviour.

The watchdog's charges, known as a statement of objections, arrive two years after it opened its investigation. Google's digital ad business is also the focus of a European Union antitrust investigation and a U.S. Justice Department lawsuit that's set to go to trial this month.

The watchdog alleged Google has been exploiting its dominance since 2015.

# France's new PM tackles first challenge of forming Cabinet; promises 'change'

**Agence France-Presse**
PARIS

France's new right-wing Prime Minister Michel Barnier started consulting all sides on Friday to cobble together a government capable of mustering a majority in Parliament after two months of political deadlock.

The 73-year-old, a former Foreign Minister who recently acted as the European Union's Brexit negotiator, is the oldest premier in the history of modern France.

Taking over from 35-year-old Gabriel Attal, a centrist half his age who was the country's first openly gay premier, Mr. Barnier pledged to take on his new task with "humility".

**Major priorities**

He said education, security and "immigration control" were his priorities and said he would be unafraid to speak the truth on the country's "financial debt", but also promised "change".

**Marine Le Pen, who leads the National Rally, has said her party would not be part of new Cabinet**

President Emmanuel Macron named Mr. Barnier after weeks of impasse after his centrist alliance lost its relative majority in Parliament in a snap election.

The election saw a left-wing alliance emerge as France's biggest political force, but without enough seats for an overall majority.

Marine Le Pen, who leads the anti-immigration far-right National Rally (RN) lawmakers in Parliament, has said her party would not be part of the new Cabinet, but would wait for Mr. Barnier's first policy speech to decide whether or not to back him.

**Karnataka Public works Department.**
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No;EE/KPWD/Tmk/AE.2/T.No.15/2024-25 Dt: 02.09.2024
**Invitation For Tenders (IFT) KW-4**
**e-TENDER NOTIFICATION**

On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in Two cover system for Class-2&3 and above Contractors registered in PWD for 04 works under 5054 ORF Head of accounts in the jurisidiction of Tumkur Division through e-procurement. The dates are published as below. (Min Amount Put to Tender Rs.84.21 Lakhs, Max Put to Tender 209.73 Lakhs, and Min EMD Amt Rs.2,00,000/- and Max EMD Amt Rs.2,48,000/-)
1. Last date for tender information enqueries : 11-09-2024: 16.00 2. Last date for submission of tender: 12-09-2024: 16.00 3. Date of opening the Technical bid: 13-09-2024 : 16.30. 4. Date of opening the Financial bid: 16.09.2024 : 11.00. Note: Turnover Certificate without UDI Number will not be considered.

**Sd/-** EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PWD DIVISION, TUMKUR.
DIPR/TUM/312/KSMCA/2024-25

**UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, RAICHUR**
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No. SPO/UASR/E-Proc-04/CALL-II/2024-25,
Dt: 04-09-2024.

**TENDER NOTIFICATION**

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur is inviting e-tender for Providing various equipments to laboratories of UAS, Raichur. The interested suppliers are requested to participate through online only. The website address is www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in (Indent Number:-UASRCR/2024-25/IND0020/CALL-2. The last date for submission of filled in Tender Document is 04-10-2024.

**Sd/- Stores Purchase Officer**
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No.KBJNL/ARBC/Dn-HNG/2024-25/583 Dated:06/09/2024
**SHORT TERM QUOTATION-2**

This office has invited short-term quotation for following items to arrive item rate by Authorized consultants /contractors. Submit the quotation including GST to this office before 5.00 PM, dated: 17.09.2024.
1)Maintenance of SCADA System from Ramthal (Marol)2nd stage Pump house (870Hp vertical turbine pump)to Drip Sump well ( 2 lakh capacity, 15mins retention time)of Drip irrigation system including Subscription of system software for SCADA system, UPS Maintenance, Wiring, Level Transmitter and Documentation including required man powerfor 7 months.
2)Operation and Maintenance of SCADA System of Ramthal (Marol) Drip irrigation system of 12300Ha ( 168Hp to 422Hp centrifugal pumps) including Subscription of SCADA system,software Drip irrigation system, Data server charges and data sim charges for automation system for pump house and field distribution system , checking, repairing and supervising automation works of solenoid valve of micro irrigation system with required man power for 7 months.
3)Operation and Maintenance of SCADA System of Ramthal (Marol) Drip irrigation system of 11700Ha( 335Hp to 422Hp centrifugal pumps) including Subscription of SCADA system, software Drip irrigation system, Data server charges and data sim charges for automation system for pump house and field distribution system, checking, repairing and supervising automation works of solenoid valve of micro irrigation system with required man power for 7 months.
4)Overhauling of the, horizontal split casecentrifugal pump of make M/s Kirloskar brothers LIMNTED of capacity 168Hp to 422Hp, dismantling rectifying after cleaning of dismantled parts of pump like bearing shafts,guide rings,tandem bearing impeller, discharge LT motor etc. By wire brush including complete. Assembling and erection of pump by blue matching, and coupling the assembled pump with LT Motor, complete cabling connections, including consumables and erection labour charges for Operation and Maintenance of pumps of Ramthal (Marol) Drip irrigation system.
For more information contact the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL ARBC Division Hungund.The Quotation will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, ARBC Division Hungund on 18.09.2024 at 11.45AM.
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Contact Phone Number, M. No.8660871627

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**TENDER NOTIFICATION**
**(Two Cover System)**

Executive Engineer, PRE Division, Vijayapura has invited e-tender for the works under the 2202 Education Dept Grant Scheme for the year 2023-24 Total 1 works Rs. 102.82 lakhs vide Tender Publication No.1464 Date: 06.09.2024. For more information about the tender, the information can be collected at the website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in or visit the office of the said Division during office hours.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,**
**P.R.E. Division, Vijayapur**
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**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**
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**DISTRICT CHILD PROTECTION UNIT, KOPPAL**
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**Tender approximate estimate: 59.00/- Lakhs**
**Tender Notification**

District child protection unit, Koppal invites service tender to find eligible outsource man power agency to provide essential staffs for 2024-25 Period on outsource basis in two cover bid system through https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home (Indent no # DCP/2024-25/SE0119) web portal.

Bid application starts from 06.09.2024, Last date to Submit bid is 05.10.2024 5:30 Pm, Technical bid opening date is 08.10.2024 12:00 Pm and Financial bid opening date is 15.10.2024 12 Pm For more details regarding tender contact District child protection officer, District child protection unit, Koppal. Contact numbers are as follows 08539-225030, 7022105100 & 9686462444. District Child Protection Officer District Child Protection Unit Koppal

**District Child Protection Officer,**
**District Child Protection Unit-Koppal**
**DIPR/Koppal/334/KSMCA/2024-25**

HONOUR

## Harvinder, Preeti to be India's flag-bearers for closing ceremony

AFP, ANI

Gold medal-winning archer Harvinder Singh and sprinter Preeti Pal, who became the first-ever Indian woman to win two medals at the Paralympics, will be the country's flag bearers during the closing ceremony on Sunday. India's chef de mission Satya Prakash Sangwan said that the two athletes will inspire future generations.

FINDING HIS TOUCH

## Pope hits century, England well-placed against Sri Lanka

REUTERS

Ollie Pope returned to form with a first hundred as England captain on the first day of the third Test against Sri Lanka at The Oval. Pope had managed a mere 30 runs in four previous innings. When bad light ended play, Pope was on 103, with England on 221 for three. **The scores:** England 221/3 (Duckett 86, Pope 103 batting) vs SL. **Toss:** SL.

MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT

## Rajasthan Royals names Rahul Dravid as head coach

FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

Rahul Dravid was on Friday announced as the head coach of IPL team Rajasthan Royals on a multi-year contract. Dravid's tenure as India's head coach ended in June. "The former Royals' captain and coach will commence with the team immediately, working with Royals' director of cricket Kumar Sangakkara," the franchise said.

FOURTH OVERALL

## Neeraj qualifies for Diamond League season finale in Brussels

FILE PHOTO

India's two-time Olympic medal-winning javelin star Neeraj Chopra has qualified for this month's season finale of the Diamond League after finishing fourth in the overall standings at the end of its 14 series meetings across the world. The season finale will be a two-day affair on September 13 and 14 in Brussels.

# India's flag flies high after Praveen's golden jump

The 21-year-old smashes the Asian record with a best jump of 2.08m to finish on top of the podium in the men's high jump T64 event; Dilip enters men's 400m T47 final while Simran advances to the women's 200m T12 title race

PARIS 2024

**Press Trust of India**
PARIS

**Soaring:** Praveen won India its sixth gold medal in Paris, one better than the country's Tokyo Paralympics haul. GETTY IMAGES

High jumper Praveen Kumar upgraded his Tokyo silver to a gold with a record-smashing performance, helping India nose ahead of the likes of Canada and Korea in the overall standings as the country's para-athletes continued to defy projections in their best ever Paralympic performance.

The 21-year-old from Noida, who was born with a short leg, jumped to a new Asian record of 2.08m in the T64 category, which also featured athletes of T44 classification. He clinched the top honours ahead of USA's Derek Loccident (2.06m) and Uzbekistan's Temurbek Giyazov (2.03m).

The country's medal haul swelled to 26, including six gold, nine silver and 11 bronze medals.

Dilip Gavit qualified for the men's 400m T47 final after finishing third in his heat. With a season best timing of 49.54s, he got an automatic qualification as the first three in each heat advance to the final.

Visually impaired sprinter Simran, too, advanced to the final of women's 200m T12 with a timing of 25.03 seconds in the semifinals.

Meanwhile, Indian canoers Prachi Yadav and Yash Kumar entered the semifinals of women's VL2 200m and men's KL1 200m events after finishing fourth and sixth in their respective heats. While Prachi and Pooja Ojha clocked 1:06.83s and 1:16.09s in the women's Va'a single 200m VL2 heat 1 and KL1 200m heat 2 respectively, Yash came up with a timing of 1:03.27s in men's KL 200m heat.

Bhavanaben Ajabaji Chaudhary finished fifth in the women's javelin throw F46 final while the 19-year-old Dipesh Kumar (26.11m) came last in the final of the men's javelin throw F54 event.

Kasthuri Rajamani equalled her personal best lift but ended up eighth among nine competitors in the women's 67kg powerlifting competition.

# Paranang punches above her weight to take Dabang Delhi to the final

UTT

**Amol Karhadkar**
CHENNAI

**Eye-catching:** Paranang's forehand top-spin winners were a treat to watch as she stunned Szocs. R. RAVINDRAN

It is the only team to have made it to the knockouts in each of the five Ultimate Table Tennis editions so far. Despite a spree of unpredictable results, Dabang Delhi TTC overcame its last year's semifinal itch by conquering debutants Ahmedabad SG Pipers on Friday night.

The 8-6 win – thanks to Orawan Paranang's pyrotechnics and Diya Chitale's perfect finish – set up a tantalising final between Delhi and Goa Challengers, a repeat of the last year's semifinal.

When Paranang, the Thai southpaw, took to the table to face Bernadette Szocs – the highest ranked singles paddler in the world to feature in UTT season five – it was paramount for her to snatch at least a game.

With captain G. Sathiyan having managed to snatch only one game against familiar French rival Lilian Bardet, the onus was on Paranang to prevent Ahmedabad from running away with the tie. Such was her mood that Paranang played out of her skin to stun Szocs 3-0 and give her team the upper hand. Paranang's forehand top-spin winners, especially down the line strokes she created from her forehand corner to surprise Szocs time and again, were a treat to watch. The point of the tie, however, was the backhand punch she revelled in at 5-2 in the third game.

Szocs and Manush Shah then controlled the damage in the women's singles with a 3-0 win in the mixed doubles tie. However, Andreas Levenko - having benched for the last league game after losing each of his four singles matches - then stunned bespectacled Manush riding on his powerful forehand to level the tie at six games apiece.

Diya Chitale, the diminutive Delhi paddler, then was pitted against Reeth Rishya - who had won the decisive game for Goa in the last edition's semifinal and final. However, Diya's consistent rallies were too good for Reeth. Never did Diya concede a substantial lead to race to 2-0 lead and hand her team a win with the last game to spare.

**The result: Ahmedabad SG Pipers lost to Dabang Delhi TTC 6-8** (Lilian Bardet bt G. Sathiyan 11-4, 5-11, 11-5; Bernadette Szocs lost to Orawan Paranang 7-11, 9-11, 9-11; Manush Shah & Szocs bt Sathiyan and Paranang 11-9, 11-7, 11-9; Manush lost to Andreas Levenko 8-11, 11-10, 8-11; Reeth Rishya lost to Diya Chitale 8-11, 4-11).
**The final:** Athlead Goa Challengers vs Dabang Delhi TTC (Saturday, 7.30 pm).

# Musheer and Saini pile it on before India-A's counterpunch with the bat

DULEEP TROPHY

**N. Sudarshan**
BENGALURU

**Swing factor:** Musheer continued from where he left off and scored a dominant 181. K. MURALI KUMAR

The Duleep Trophy encounter between India-A and India-B was delicately poised at stumps on day two at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Friday.

After India-B folded for 321, half an hour into the post-lunch session, India-A reached 134 for two by close, with Riyan Parag (27 batting, 49b, 4x4) and K.L. Rahul (23 batting, 80b, 3x4) at the crease.

Skipper Shubman Gill (25, 43b, 3x4) and Mayank Agarwal (36, 45b, 8x4) began well, putting on 57 runs for the opening wicket, with the duo's cover drives standing out.

But a moment of bad judgement cost Gill his wicket. Just like he had in the WTC final last year, he shouldered arms and the Navdeep Saini got one to nip back in sharply and rattle the off-stump.

Mayank fell soon after, caught down the leg-side by a diving Rishabh Pant off Saini.

Parag and Rahul combined for an unbroken 68-run partnership. Of the two, the former looked more assured, with his two driven boundaries catching the eye. Rahul played and missed and was even dropped on three by Nitish Kumar Reddy at second slip off Mukesh Kumar before settling down to see out the day.

Earlier, overnight batters Musheer Khan and Saini continued their good work from day one by adding 88 runs in the first session.

Runs came at a faster clip and Musheer's intent was best expressed in the hooked six and pulled four he executed back-to-back off Avesh Khan's bowling.

Musheer and Saini were also helped by India-A's spiritlessness and lethargy, an example of which came when Khaleel Ahmed missed a runout with both batters stranded mid-pitch. Saini made full use of the opportunity to go on and notch up his second First Class half-century (56, 144b, 8x4, 1x6).

After lunch, Musheer came out swinging and seemed set for a double century as he smashed Kuldeep Yadav over long-on for a maximum. But a repeat attempt two balls later proved fatal as he was caught at deep square-leg, 19 short of a deserved double ton (181, 373b, 16x4, 5x6).

The 205-run association between Musheer and Saini was, however, a new record for an eighth-wicket partnership in Duleep Trophy history.

**The scores: India-B — 1st innings:** Yashasvi Jaiswal c sub b Khaleel 30, Abhimanyu Easwaran c Jurel b Avesh 13, Musheer Khan c Parag b Kuldeep 181, Sarfaraz Khan lbw b Avesh 9, Rishabh Pant c Gill b Akash 7, Nitish Kumar Reddy lbw b Akash 0, Washington Sundar run out 0, R. Sai Kishore c Rahul b Khaleel 1, Navdeep Saini c Parag b Akash 56, Yash Dayal c Mayank b Akash 10, Mukesh Kumar (not out) 0; Extras (b-4, lb-6, w-1, nb-3): 14; Total (in 116 overs): 321.
**Fall of wickets:** 1-33, 2-53, 3-67, 4-80, 5-80, 6-89, 7-94, 8-299, 9-320.
**India-A bowling:** Khaleel 23-6-54-2, Akash 27-7-60-4, Avesh 22-6-59-2, Dube 12-4-14-0, Kuldeep 21-3-82-1, Kotian 7-0-30-0, Parag 4-0-12-0.
**India-A — 1st innings:** Mayank Agarwal c Pant b Saini 36, Shubman Gill b Saini 25, Riyan Parag (batting) 27, K.L. Rahul (batting) 23; Extras (b-12, lb-4, nb-7): 23; Total (for two wkts. in 35 overs): 134.
**Fall of wickets:** 1-57, 2-66.
**India-B bowling:** Mukesh 9-0-40-0, Dayal 10-1-25-0, Nitish 7-2-16-0, Saini 8-1-36-2, Sai Kishore 1-0-1-0.

# Suthar turns the plot with a five-wicket haul for India-C as Axar holds on till stumps

**Abhishek Saini**
ANANTAPUR

**Gritty show:** Suthar bowled with purpose to ensure India-C's fightback. X@BCCIDOMESTIC

Manav Suthar's late incursions earned him a five-wicket haul on Friday and ensured India-C was not batted out of its Duleep Trophy first-round fixture against India-D at the Rural Development Trust Stadium here.

Suthar claimed four wickets in his final five overs of the day to send India-D tailspinning from 186 for four to 203 for eight. Axar Patel held through till stumps on the second day with India-D at 206 for eight, leading by 202 runs.

Before Suthar turned the plot, fifties from Shreyas Iyer (54, 44b, 9x4, 1x6) and Devdutt Padikkal (56, 70b, 8x4) set India-D's counter offence in motion. Shreyas set the tone, taking the aerial route down the ground against V. Vyshak.

Padikkal, meanwhile, was content in caressing deliveries through the gap between first slip and gully. The pair was equally efficient in latching on to width, against Himanshu Chauhan in particular, who strayed wide the most among the three India-C pacers.

It turned out a case of one shot too many when Shreyas holed out to his counterpart Ruturaj Gaikwad at long-off. Padikkal looked like holding fort with Bhui but Suthar rapped the southpaw on the glove for a soft dismissal at slip to open the door for India-C.

In morning's battle of attrition, B. Indrajith (72, 149b, 9x4) single-handedly took on the India-D seamers and prevailed.

Harshit Rana trapped Abishek Porel leg-before in the second over of the day. Suthar was caught at second slip, fending away at a bouncer from Harshit.

Indrajith's restraint, however, continued, as he trusted his front-foot defence and Anshul Kamboj's company to blunt the pace attack. Consequently, the first 15 overs yielded just 26 runs for India-C at the expense of four wickets.

Indrajith switched gears against Axar as was evident from his loft over mid-off against the spinner. He flaunted his inventiveness too, ramping Aditya Thakare over the keeper two overs later.

He bowed out only after he had lofted Axar inside-out over covers and then again through mid-wicket, giving his team a slender four-run first-innings advantage.

**The scores:**

**India-D — 1st innings:** 164.

**India-C — 1st innings:** Ruturaj Gaikwad c Bharat b Rana 5, Sai Sudharsan c Taide b Rana 7, Aryan Juyal c & b Axar 12, Rajat Patidar b Axar 13, B. Indrajith c Bharat b Saransh 72, Abishek Porel lbw b Rana 34, Manav Suthar c Dubey b Rana 1, Hrithik Shokeen c Padikkal b Thakare 5, V. Vyshak c Bharat b Arshdeep 1, Anshul Kamboj c Arshdeep b Saransh 2, Himanshu Chauhan (not out) 0; Extras (b-9, lb-2, w-3, nb-2) 16; Total (in 62.2 overs): 168.

**Fall of wickets:** 1-11, 2-14, 3-40, 4-43, 5-97, 6-101, 7-107, 8-108, 9-159.

**India-D bowling:** Rana 13-5-33-4, Arshdeep 16-6-29-1, Thakare 14-3-33-1, Axar 13-2-46-2, Saransh 6.2-1-16-2.

**India-D — 2nd innings:** Atharva Taide c & b Vyshak 15, Yash Dubey lbw b Vyshak 5, Shreyas Iyer c Gaikwad b Kamboj 54, Devdutt Padikkal c Indrajith b Suthar 56, Ricky Bhui lbw Suthar 44, K.S. Bharat c Patidar b Suthar 16, Axar Patel (batting) 11, Saransh Jain lbw Suthar 0, Arshdeep Singh c Patidar b Suthar 0, Harshit Rana (batting) 0; Extras (b-2, lb-1, w-1, nb-1): 5; Total (for eight wkts. in 49 overs): 206.

**Fall of wickets:** 1-13, 2-40, 3-93, 4-166, 5-186, 6-203, 7-203, 8-203.

**India-C bowling:** Kamboj 12-1-49-1, Vyshak 7-0-51-2, Himanshu 8-0-48-0, Shokeen 7-1-25-0, Suthar 15-6-30-5.

## INBRIEF

### Shourya wins rifle 3-position gold in World Deaf shooting

Shourya Saini shot 452.4 after a qualification world record of 580 to clinch the men's 50-metre rifle 3-position gold in the second World Deaf shooting championship in Hannover, Germany. Shourya, a trainee of coach Anjali Bhagwat, beat Oleksandr Kostyk of Ukraine by nearly 10 points for the gold.

**The results: Men: 25m Sports pistol:** 1. Serhii Ohorodnyk (Ukr) 555; 2. Oleksandr kolodii (Ukr) 539; 3.Chetan Sapkal 534. **50m rifle 3-position:** 1. Shourya Saini 452.4 (580 WR); 2. Oleksandr Kostyk (Ukr) 442.6 (571); 3. Dmytro Staroselets (Ukr) 432.0 (569); 4. Kushagra Rajawat 416.5 (571).

### India stuns Lebanon, enters the quarterfinals

India stunned favourite Lebanon 64-62 to enter the quarterfinals of the FIBA u-18 Asia Cup basketball championships in Amman (Jordan) on Friday. India last reached the last eight in the 2016 edition of the biennial competition in Iran. India will next take on China on Saturday.

### Rathour, Herath to be part of New Zealand coaching staff

Former India batting coach Vikram Rathour and Sri Lanka spin great Rangana Herath were on Friday added to New Zealand's coaching staff ahead of Tests against Afghanistan and Sri Lanka. While Herath has been appointed for Tests against Afghanistan and Sri Lanka as New Zealand's spin bowling coach, Rathour will be with the Kiwi side only for the contest against Afghanistan.

### Bearman to drive for Haas at Azerbaijan Grand Prix

British teenager Oliver Bearman will replace suspended Dane Kevin Magnussen in the Haas lineup for the Azerbaijan Grand Prix next weekend, the US team announced on Friday. Bearman will step in alongside Nico Hulkenberg after Magnussen was given a one-race suspension. "It's more of a challenge stepping in to race as a reserve driver but I'm in the fortunate position of having done it earlier in the year with Scuderia Ferrari," said Bearman.

### Tanisha-Dhruv bow out of Taipei Open badminton

India's Tanisha Crasto and Dhruv Kapila bowed out of the Taipei Open Super 300 badminton tournament after a 22-20, 21-12 loss to Thailand's fourth-seeded pair Pakkapon Teeraratsakul and Phataimas Muenwong in a match lasting just over half an hour in the mixed doubles quarterfinals here on Friday.

**LIVE TELECAST**

**Duleep Trophy:** Sports 18-3 & JioCinema, 9.30 a.m.
**Badminton:** Taipei Open, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & JioCinema, 9.30 a.m. onwards
**Paralympics:** DD Sports & JioCinema, 1.30 p.m. onwards.
**England vs Sri Lanka:** 3rd Test, day 2, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 p.m.
**Scotland vs Australia:** 3rd T20I, FanCode, 6.30 p.m.
**US Open:** Sony Sports Ten 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 4.30 a.m. (Sunday)

**FOR SUNDAY**

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**Paralympics:** DD Sports & JioCinema, 11.30 a.m. onwards
**England vs Sri Lanka:** 3rd Test, day 3, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 p.m.

# Comeback queen Pegula sets up title clash against Sabalenka

The World No. 6 battles back from a set and break down; the Belarusian sees off Navarro and a partisan crowd; Errani, Vavassori win mixed doubles

**US OPEN**

**Agence France-Presse**
NEW YORK

Jessica Pegula scripted an astonishing comeback to defeat Karolina Muchova and reach her first Grand Slam final at the US Open on Thursday where she will take on big-hitting Aryna Sabalenka for the title.

World number six Pegula of the United States battled back from a set and a break down to record a gutsy 1-6, 6-4, 6-2 victory over her 52nd-ranked opponent from the Czech Republic.

Double Australian Open champion and world number two Sabalenka reached her second successive US Open final by seeing off another American, Emma Navarro 6-3, 7-6(2).

"I thought I was lucky to still be in it," admitted Pegula.

"She made me look like a beginner, she was destroying me and I was about to burst into tears but it all came down to small moments. I don't know how I turned that around."

Pegula has now won 15 of 16 matches on the US summer hard court swing which saw a title in Toronto and defeat in the Cincinnati final to Sabalenka.

"It's a chance for revenge, but she'll be tough to beat," said Pegula.

Earlier, Sabalenka went through to the final by seeing off Navarro as well as a partisan home crowd.

Navarro, playing in her first semifinal at the Majors, went down fighting when she clawed her way back from 3-5 down in the second set to take her chances in a tiebreak.

Sabalenka sent down 34 winners to the 13 of the 23-year-old American.

"Guys, now you're cheering for me. Wow. It's a bit too late," Sabalenka told the Arthur Ashe Stadium crowd.

The Belarusian added: "I don't really care who I face in the final because today was a good test of the crowd cheering for my opponent. I don't care. I'm ready to face whoever."

Navarro, who had lost in the first round on her two previous appearances at the US Open, admitted that the occasion may have caught her on the hop.

"Maybe I didn't deal with it 100% the way I wanted to throughout the match, but it's a feeling that I'll definitely be seeking again," she said.

Meanwhile, Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori won the mixed doubles title with a 7-6(0), 7-5 victory over Taylor Townsend and Donald Young, who fell just short of a Grand Slam title in his final match before retiring.

Errani, who won a career Grand Slam in women's doubles with fellow Italian Roberta Vinci, added her first career mixed doubles title to the Olympic gold medal in women's doubles she won last month with Jasmine Paolini.

"It's incredible for me this year. It's amazing," Errani said.

Townsend and Young, who have been friends since they were kids, were given a wild card into the event for what was the 35-year-old Young's final tournament. The former top-ranked junior hadn't played much in recent years.

"Obviously wasn't the result we wanted," Young said, "but I can't think of a better spot, place to go out in, having watched that as a kid, and playing with someone I've known."

**Unperturbed:** With the crowd behind her opponent, Sabalenka sent down 34 winners to ease into the final. REUTERS

**On a high:** Errani and Vavassori celebrate after their title win. REUTERS

**THE RESULTS**

**Women: Semifinals:** 6-Pegula bt Muchova 1-6, 6-4, 6-2; 2-Sabalenka bt 13-Navarro 6-3, 7-6(2).
**Mixed Doubles: Final:** 3-Errani & Vavassori bt Townsend & Young 7-6(0), 7-5.

# Teenager Chiranth secures two pole positions

**MOTORSPORTS**

**Sports Bureau**
CHENNAI

The 17-year-old Chiranth Vishwanath came up with two stunning rides to grab pole positions in both the premier Pro-Stock categories in the fourth and penultimate round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2024 on Friday.

For Chiranth, it was his maiden pole position in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category, and he followed it up by taking P1 in the Pro-Stock 165cc Open class for a double. The qualifying sessions dished out exciting fare, with all pole-sitters leaving it late before delivering the hot laps. Abdul Basim (Rockers Racing) took the top slot in the Novice (Stock 165cc) category while Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) claimed top position in the Stock 301-400cc Novice class.

Senthil Kumar, the championship leader in the Open (Apache RR 310) category, warmed up for the weekend's double-header by qualifying on pole ahead of Manoj Yesuadiyan and C. Raj Kumar.

In the Girls' (Apache RTR 200) category, Saimah Ajaz Baig was the fastest, edging out Sarah Khan and V. Aisvariya.

**Zipping through:** Chiranth en route his maiden pole position in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

### Pacers make India a tough team to beat: Labuschagne

**Press Trust of India**
MUMBAI

Marnus Labuschagne reckons fast bowlers make India a "difficult" side to beat in Australian conditions as the host looks to end its barren run in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. "India's fast bowling is very good, which make them such a tough team to beat in Australian conditions," Labuschagne told Star Sports.

# Indians dominate in Commonwealth chess

**Sports Bureau**

India dominated the Commonwealth chess championship at Waskaduwa (Sri Lanka), walking away with most of the medals on offer.

Second seed S.P. Sethuraman won the tournament's main title, scoring seven points from nine rounds. Fifth-seeded N.R. Vignesh, also with seven points, finished runner-up after the tie-breakers were applied. Dilshan Liyanage of the host finished third with 6.5 points, the same as J. Deepan Chakravarthy, who had to be content with fourth place. Top seed Vaibhav Suri was placed ninth.

Among women, Mary Ann Gomes came first, scoring 5.5 points, followed by Sakshi Chitlange and Soumya Swaminathan. In Under-20, Arjun Adireddy (five points) and Kalyani Sirin (4.5) finished first in the open and the girls' sections respectively.

**The placings:** 1-2. S.P. Sethuraman and N.R. Vignesh 7/9; 3. Dilshan Liyanage (SL) 6.5. **Under-18: Open:** 1. Ajay Parvathareddy 6.5/7; 2. Gaurang Bagwe 6; Rashmitha Liyanage (SL) 4. **Girls:** 1. Rajanya Datta 5.5/7; 2. Leah Rice (Sgp) 5; 3. Siya Sagar 3.5. **Under-16: Open:** 1. Ethan Vaz 7/9; 2-3. S. Rohith and Daksh Goyal 6.5. Girls: 1. Shubhi Gupta 8/9; 2. Mrittika Mallick 7; 3. Yashvi Jain 6.5. **Under-14: Open:** 1. Viresh Sharnarthi 5.5/7; 2-3. M. Mridav and V. Raghav 5. Girls: 1. Arshiya Das 6.5/7; 2-3. Shreya Hipparagi and Theruni Jayasundara (SL) 5. **Under-12: Open:** Mayukh Majumder 8/9; 2-3. Sri Akhil Prasad 6.5; 3. Siddhanth Poonja 6. **Girls:** 1. Pratitee Bordoloi 7.5/9; 2-3. Siddhi Rao and Sethumlee Palliyage (SL) 6.5. **Under-10: Open:** A.P. Chenitha Karunasena (SL) and Thehas Kiringoda (SL) 8/9; 3. Advik Agrawal 7.5. **Girls:** 1. Aaradhya Das 8.5/9; 2. Divi Bijesh 8; 3. Pungavanam Samhita 6.5. **Under-8:** 1-2. Ayaan Phutane and Sarbartho Mani 8.5/9; 3. Hriday Garg 6. **Girls:** M. Harshika 8/9; 2-3. S. Nethumi Perera (SL) and Eleesha Fernando (SL) 7.

Sethuraman won the main title. FILE PHOTO: VELANKANNI RAJ

# Syria knocks out Mauritius

**Aneesh Dey**
HYDERABAD

Syria started its 2024 Intercontinental Cup campaign in style, beating Mauritius 2-0 at the GMC Balayogi Athletic Stadium here on Friday.

Syrians got their first chance in the 16th minute. Pablo David Sabbag set up captain Mahmoud Al Mawas, but the shot couldn't trouble Mauritian 'keeper Jean Louis Kevin O'Brian.

Their breakthrough arrived in the 33rd minute when Mustafa Abdullatif, set up by Sabbag, struck, with the ball ending up into the net after a touch off Mauritius midfielder Brendon Citorah.

In the 43rd minute, the Mauritius bench broke into celebrations when they thought their team had scored the equaliser.

Jason Ferre headed home Emmanuel Rudy Jean's cross from the right but referee Harish Kundu chalked the goal off. The Syrians added salt to their wounds 10 minutes later.

Mohammad Alhallak kept the ball in a tight space and then squared it for his captain at the edge of the box.

Mawas curled the ball into the top-right corner with a first-time finish, scoring his 15th international goal.

**The result:** Mauritius 0 lost to Syria 2 (Citorah-og, Mawas).

**All in:** Syria went to top of the standings with this victory. NAGARA GOPAL

# African Gold should score over in feature event

HYDERABAD: The three-year-old gelding African Gold, who is in great heart, should score over his rivals in the Y. Shaker Rao Memorial Deccan Colts Championship Stakes, the stellar attraction of Sunday's (Sept. 8) races.
There will be no false rails.

**1 CHAITANYA CHAKRAM PLATE** (1,200m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II) – 1.55 p.m.: 1. Blazing Saddle (7) P. Sai K 56, 2. Country's Maximus (6) A.A. Vikrant 56, 3. Hoping High (---), 4. One N Only (12) Kuldeep Sr. 56, 5. Peanut (4) Mukesh 56, 6. Torchbearer (8) Ashad Asbar 56, 7. Aos Si (5) Akshay K 54.5, 8. Elegant Lady (10) Rafique Sk. 54.5, 9. Freedom Touch (9) Neeraj 54.5, 10. Lady Jane (3) Md. Ekram 54.5, 11. Queen Of Kings (11) Suraj Narredu 54.5, 12. Total Control (1) Vivek 54.5 and 13. Vital Sign (2) B.R. Kumar 54.5.
**1. AOS SI, 2. QUEEN OF KINGS, 3. FREEDOM TOUCH**

**2 A. KRISHNA SWAMY MEMORIAL CUP** (Div. I) (1,200m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 2.30: 1. Australia (7) Yash Narredu 61.5, 2. Rival (3) Santosh Raj 59.5, 3. Nucleus (2) Mohit 59, 4. Wind Sprite (9) Likith Appu 57, 5. Top In Class (1) Surya Prakash 54.5, 6. Espionage (5) Kuldeep Sr. 53, 7. Final Judgement (6) Ashad Asbar 53, 8. Red Snaper (8) B.R. Kumar 53 and 9. Worcester (4) Vivek G 53.
**1. ESPIONAGE, 2. FINAL JUDGEMENT, 3. AUSTRALIA**

**3 ARTILLERY CUP** (1,400m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 3.05: 1. Unchaihshravas (4) Neeraj 60, 2. Nonpareil (9) Akshay K 59.5, 3. In Proposito (7) Abhay Singh 58.5, 4. Sweet Dancer (3) Vivek 58, 5. Quality Warrior (5) A.A. Vikrant 57, 6. Pinatubo (1) Kuldeep Sr. 56.5, 7. Royal Pal (6) R.S. Jodha 56.5, 8. Jet Falcon (11) B. Nikhil 55, 9. Club Queen (10) Md. Ekram 53, 10. Exclusive Spark (8) Mohit 52.5 and 11. Master Touch (2) Surya Prakash 52.5.
**1. NONPAREIL, 2. UNCHAISHRAVAS, 3. IN PROPOSITO**

**4 NICE FELLA PLATE** (1,600m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 80 and above (Cat. I) – 3.40: 1. Siddharth (6) Akshay K 62.5, 2. Candy Girl (5) Md. Ekram 60, 3. Huntingdon (3) S. Saqlain 60, 4. Akido (2) Gaurav 57, 5. Shadow Of The Moon (7) Vivek G 51.5, 6. Lucky Zone (1) Surya Prakash 50 and 7. Baisa (4) Arjun 50.
**1. SIDDHARTH, 2. HUNTINGDON, 3. CANDY GIRL**

**5 Y. SHANKER RAO MEMORIAL DECCAN COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES** (Gr. 3), (1,600m) (Terms), Colts and Geldings, 3-y-o only – 4.15: 1. African Gold (3) Akshay K 56, 2. Calistoga (7) Vivek G 56, 3. Desert Hero (6) Kuldeep Sr. 56, 4. Flying Fury (5) P. Sai K 56, 5. King Immortal (4) Ashad Asbar 56, 6. Oliver's Mount (9) S. Saqlain 56, 7. Secret Saint (2) Antony Raj 56, 8. Star Honour (8) Suraj Narredu 56 and 9. Verrazzano (1) Yash Narredu 56.
**1. AFRICAN GOLD, 2. OLIVER'S MOUNT, 3. CALISTOGA**

**6 A. KRISHNA SWAMY MEMORIAL CUP** (Div. II) (1,200m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 4.50: 1. Lashka (2) Kuldeep Jr. 61.5, 2. Angelita (6) M. Mark 59, 3. Amyra (3) Shivansh 58, 4. Glorious Power (9) S. Saqlain 56, 5. Dictator (5) Akshay K 54.5, 6. Coming Home (1) Mukesh 54, 7. Santa Barbara (4) Md. Ekram 54, 8. Kings Best (8) Santosh Raj 52.5 and 9. Superstellar (7) Surya Prakash 50.
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**CHRISTIAN, CSI,** 32yrs, B.Tech. Software professional in Chennai. Income 30lakhs. Ph: 8138900312

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**PILLAI 36** Central Govt swati/Thulam looking bride first or second CNB 9840666103 horoscope not important

✔ **PILLAI(KARUNEEGAR),** DOB:24–01–92, BE, Veg, Job: MNC (Software) Chennai, Annual Income: 25 lakhs. Seeking a suitable bride from the same or any other community. Ph: 9841784047 Email: pingme.arul@gmail.com.

### TAMIL

**RICH MUDALIYAR** 42yrs BE, Elite business family in Chennai. Seeks Suitable Bride Ct:9710093999/ 9710091999

**BRIDE WANTED** Hindu Nadar 26yrs B.Tech, MS(US), Working in US, Elite business family 9380791999/ 9841329471

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**TTD DEVOTEE** Parents, Seeks our Son BE, Age–35, 168cm, Working, Pref 1st or 2nd marriage, Good Family Girl. Ct.9444401987

### TAMIL

**VELLALA PILLAI** 27/165 Hastham working @ Chennai MNC well settled looking for suitable bride Ct 9443262971

**SC (AD)** 26yrs, MBA, Well Educated Family Background, Seeks Suitable Bride Contact: 9962791888/ 7094991999

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**HINDU, VISHWAKARMA,** 33 yrs, B.E. Business Professional in Chennai. Income 1 crore. Ph: . 8138900412.

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### TAMIL

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**VAANIYAR CHETTY-38** Visagam /176 MS (Sweden) working in Sweden 60 L PA, (Swedish Citizen & OCI) Seeks BE/ MS/ MBA/ MCA/ CA/ PhD Prof. Bride CNB, Cont: 98404 29799

**SC 25/BE** 180 cm SBI seeks Bride Contact: 9445230670

### TELUGU

**GAVARA NAIDU** ELITE Family from Chennai in food Industry, Father Industrialist DOB: 02/08/1999, Height 179,Uttaratthee / Meena Rasi, Fair, Seeks Bride from any Naidu Family (Sub sect ok) Ct: 0–94440 71701

**HINDU TELUGU** Yadava/38/BE MBA/Canadian Citizen/Wrkg in HCL IT Ind/Sr Mgr/Seeking Bride/Chennai/ 9444174456

**CHENNAI, BALIJA** naidu boy, 32 /177.8cm / wheatish/ divorcee (marriage very short lived)/ has own factory in Ambatur with good net assets seeks suitable bride. Ct.9790888280/ 9884744977.

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## INBRIEF

### Argentina beats Chile to lead S. American WC qualifying

Without injured Lionel Messi and the retired Angel Di Maria, Argentina eased past Chile 3-0 to remain on top of the South American 2026 World Cup qualifiers. Alexis Mac Allister opened the scoring in the 48, Julian Alvarez added a goal in the 84th and Paulo Dybala capped the scoring in the 90th for the Argentinians, who have 18 points after the first seven rounds. The top six teams in the South American standings will qualify for the World Cup in 2026. The team that finishes seventh will advance to a playoff against another confederation. Earlier, Bolivia took advantage of a higher altitude at its new host city and defeated Venezuela 4-0 to record its second win in four matches at home. Ramiro Vaca opened the scoring in the 13th minute, Carmelo Algaranaz converted a penalty kick in the 45th, Miguel Terceros in the 46th and Enzo Monteiro scored in the 89th.

# Serbia holds Euro winner Spain goalless

Ronaldo scores 900th career goal as Portugal sees off Croatia; Switzerland capitulates to Denmark after two of its players are sent off

NATIONS LEAGUE

**Agence France-Presse**
PARIS

Spain was held by Serbia in the UEFA Nations League on Thursday in its first game since winning Euro 2024, while Cristiano Ronaldo reached another milestone by scoring his 900th career goal as Portugal beat Croatia.

Eight of Spain's starting line-up in its Euro 2024 final victory over England almost two months ago were on the field at kick-off against Serbia in Belgrade.

Among them was Lamine Yamal, with the Barcelona prodigy just one of the Spain players to be denied by home goalkeeper Predrag Rajkovic.

Luis de la Fuente's team is also the reigning Nations League champion having won the most recent edition of the tournament last year.

**Another landmark:** Ronaldo celebrates after scoring against Croatia. REUTERS

It will now hope to register its first victory in League A, Group 4 when it travels to face Switzerland in Geneva on Sunday.

The Swiss lost 2-0 to Denmark on Thursday, with Patrick Dorgu and captain Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg scoring late goals for the home side in Copenhagen.

Switzerland finished the match with nine men as both Nico Elvedi and Granit Xhaka were sent off in the second half.

In Lisbon, Ronaldo's 900th career goal proved to be the winner as 2019 Nations League champion Portugal edged Croatia 2-1 in Group A1.

Ronaldo, 39, put behind him a disappointing Euro 2024 in which he failed to score as he turned in a Nuno Mendes cross in the 34th minute at the Estadio da Luz to reach the landmark.

He appeared emotional as he celebrated the goal, his 131st in a Portugal shirt.

Half of his goals were scored for Real Madrid, with the remainder spread across his spells at Sporting Lisbon, Manchester United and current club Al-Nassr.

Diogo Dalot's goal had put Portugal in front early on before Ronaldo netted, with a Dalot own-goal reducing the deficit before the break.

**The results:**

**League A: Group 1:** Portugal 2 (Dalot 7, Ronaldo 34) bt Croatia 1 (Dalot 41-og); Scotland 2 (Gilmour 46, McTominay 76) lost to Poland 3 (Szymanski 8, Lewandowski 44-pen, Zalewski 90+7-pen).

**Group 4:** Denmark 2 (Dorgu 82, Hojbjerg 90+2) bt Switzerland 0; Serbia 0 drew with Spain 0.

**League C: Group 1:** Azerbaijan 1 (Dadasov 82) lost to Sweden 3 (Isak 65, 71, Gyoekeres 80-pen); Estonia 0 lost to Slovakia 1 (Suslov 70).

**Group 3:** Northern Ireland 2 (McNair 11, Ballard 17) bt Luxembourg 0; Belarus 0 drew with Bulgaria 0.

**League D: Group 1:** San Marino 1 (Sensoli 53) bt Liechtenstein 0.

# Isnt She Beautiful claims the H.H. Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar Memorial Trophy

MYSURU: Imtiaz Khan trained Isnt She Beautiful (S. Saqlain up) won the H.H. Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar Memorial Trophy, the chief event of the races held here on Friday (Sept 6).

The winner is owned by Mr & Mrs. P.J. Vazifdar, M/s. M. Rishad, Mr. Mukul A. Sonawala and DT Racing & Breeding LLP rep by Mr. D.R. Thacker.

**THE RESULTS**

**1. VIRIJA PLATE (DIV. II): MYSTICAL MERLIN** (Abhishek Mhatre) 1, Felicita (Salman Khan) 2, D United (Angad) 3 and The Artery (Afsar Khan) 4. Not run: Many Moons and Epsom Downs. 1, 1/2 and 1/2. 1m 07.71s. Rs. 16 (w), 11, 17 and 15 (p), SHP: 43, THP: 48, FP: 122, Q: 66, Trinella: 302, Exacta: 646. Favourite: Mystical Merlin.
Owner: Mr. Venkatachalapathi G. Trainer: G.T. Surender.

**2. SOMANATHPUR PLATE (DIV. II): HIDDEN PLEASURE** (Angad) 1, Sea Of Adventure (Rayan) 2, Coyote Girl (Akash Agarwal) 3 and Bundelkhand Queen (Afsar Khan) 4. 2, 5-1/4 and Lnk. 1m 25.57s. Rs. 19 (w), 13, 12 and 23 (p), SHP: 34, THP: 78, FP: 87, Q: 49, Trinella: 1,320, Exacta: 13,530 (carried over). Favourite: Hidden Pleasure.
Owner: Swiss Stud & Livestock Pvt Ltd. Trainer: S. Ramesh.

**3. J.H. FOLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY: ATHULYA** (Koshi K) 1, Natural Speed (G. Vivek) 2, Dabeet (A. Baandal) 3 and Square The Circle (Darshan) 4. 1-1/4, 3/4 and 1-1/4. 1m 39.03s. Rs. 47 (w), 14, 17 and 16 (p), SHP: 59, THP: 32, FP: 259, Q: 127, Trinella: 823, Exacta: 9,273. Favourite: Dabeet.
Owner and trainer: Mr. M. Bobby.

**4. UDAGAMANDALAM CUP: GOLDEN PEAKS** (Akshay K) 1, Prime Abbess (Antony) 2, Fondness Of You (Vinod Shinde) 3 and Peyo (M. Prabhakaran) 4. 4, 1-1/4 and 1-3/4. 1m 24.19s. Rs. 16 (w), 10, 10 and 24 (p), SHP: 23, THP: 40, FP: 31, Q: 17, Trinella: 221, Exacta: 1,002. Favourite: Golden Peaks.
Owners: Mr. Mukul A. Sonawala, DT Racing & Breeding LLP rep by Mr. D.R. Thacker, M/s. Girish Mehta & Mr. K. Mahaveer Chand. Trainer: Parvati Byramji.

**5. H.H. SRI KRISHNARAJA WADIYAR MEMORIAL TROPHY 2024: ISNT SHE BEAUTIFUL** (S. Saqlain) 1, Iron Clad (Sai Kiran) 2, Imperial Blue (G. Vivek) 3 and Something Royal (P. Sai Kumar) 4. Nose, 4-1/4 and 1/2. 1m 22.51s. Rs. 25 (w), 12, 48 and 38 (p), SHP: 194, THP: 67, FP: 1,422, Q: 890, Trinella: 6,093, Exacta: 21,293 (carried over). Favourite: Knotty Charmer.
Owner: Mr & Mrs. P.J. Vazifdar, M/s. M. Rishad, Mr. Mukul A. Sonawala and DT Racing & Breeding LLP rep by Mr. D.R. Thacker. Trainer: Imtiaz Khan.

**6. SOMANATHPUR PLATE (DIV. I): D ROMAN REIGNS** (Rayan) 1, Joon (Koshi K) 2, Asagiri (Suraj) 3 and She's Unstoppable (Ayaz Khan) 4. 4-1/4, 4 and 1-1/2. 1m 25.17s. Rs. 49 (w), 15, 13 and 13 (p), SHP: 25, THP: 29, FP: 382, Q: 170, Trinella: 407, Exacta: 6,212. Favourite: Asagiri.
Owner: Mr. Dayananda B.M. Trainer: C.D. Monnappa.

**7. VIRIJA PLATE (DIV. I): FLYING FALCON** (Abhishek Mhatre) 1, Golden Bird (Salman Khan) 2, D Romance (Angad) 3 and D Admiral (Dhanu S) 4. Not run: Square Cut. 11-3/4, 1-1/4 and 1-1/2. 1m 06.11s. Rs. 15 (w), 14, 41 and 47 (p), SHP: 200, THP: 169, FP: 222, Q: 293, Trinella: 10,460, Exacta: 10,522 (carried over). Favourite: Flying Falcon.
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## KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

### Shaurya & Hruthik win boys' doubles

Shaurya Bhardwaj and Hruthik Katakam won the boys' doubles title in the KSLTA- ITF Junior World Tour J30 Bengaluru tennis tournament. In the boys' singles, top seed Sehaj Singh entered the final with a 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-2 win over Adhiraj Thakur.

**The results: Boys: Semifinals:** Sehaj Singh bt Adhiraj Thakur 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-2; Ojas Mehlawat bt Aashravya Mehra 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

**Doubles: Final:** Shaurya Bhardwaj/Hruthik Katakam bt Aarav Chawla/Har Abir (Aus) 6-2, 6-4.

**Girls: Semifinals:** Snigdha Kanta bt Sreenidhi Balaji 7-6 (7), 6-2; Mahika Khanna bt Amodini Naik 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.

**Doubles: Final:** Aanya Choubey (USA)/Aakruti Narayan bt Angel Patel/Pal Upadhyay 7-6 (2), 6-4.

**Champions:** Aanya and Aakruti, girls' winners and Shaurya and Hruthik, the boys' winners. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

### Sharath Srinivas and Aneesh shine

Sharath Srinivas (123 n.o.) and K.V. Aneesh (98) starred for KSCA XI against Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh on the third day of their KSCA-Dr. Capt. K. Thimmappiah Memorial tournament match.

**The scores: At Bengaluru:** Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh 337/9 vs. KSCA XI 543/6 in 138 overs (K.V. Aneesh 98, R. Smaran 42, Manish Pandey 38, Sharath Srinivas 123 n.o., Hardik Raj 53, Vidyadhar Patil 28 n.o.).

Maharashtra CA 632/9 decl. vs. KSCA President's XI 280 in 67.2 overs (Aneeshwar Gautam 33, Abhinav Manohar 121, Mukesh Chaudhary 3/63. Ramkrishnan Ghosh 3/46, Satyajeet Bachhav 4/91) and 147/6 in 46 overs (Macneil Hadley Noronha 33, Abhinav Manohar 64).

KSCA Secretary's XI 339 & 157 in 56.5 overs (Rohan Patil 26, Yashovardhan Parantap 32, Adhoksh Hegde 34, Vishal Jayswal 5/29) vs. Gujarat CA 265 in 86.5 overs (Lazya Kochar 60, Ahaan Podar 102 n.o., Abhilash Shetty 6/33).

Madhya Pradesh CA 566/7 decl. vs. Goa CA 245 in 90 overs (Abhinav Tejrana 66, Snehal Kauthankar 30, Darshan Misal 38, Kumar Kartikeya 3/76, Aryan Pandey 3/46) and 20/2 in 9 overs.

Vidarbha CA 420 and 134/2 in 35 overs (Dhruv Shore 71 n.o., Yash Rathod 45 n.o.) vs Tamil Nadu CA 277 in 116.2 overs (Karthick Manikandan 66, Ajay Chetan 40, Nirmal Kumar 48, V. Yudheeswaran 28 n.o., Praful Hinge 3/29).

Andhra CA 349 and 5 for no loss in 5 overs vs. Mumbai CA 392 in 148 overs (Siddhesh Lad 123, Royston Dias 45, G. Manish 3/135).

**At Mysuru:** Baroda CA 181 and 166 bt Dr. DY Patil CA 156 and 98 in 21.3 overs (Puneet Datey 28, Ninad Rathwa 4/18, Pradip Yadav 3/26).

KSCA Colts 584/9 decl. vs. Odisha CA 302/9 in 97 overs (Kartik Biswal 85, Biplab Samantray 101, K.P. Karthikeya 4/37).

### Bengaluru Blues HC-A posts win

Bengaluru Blues HC 'A' defeated Rainbow HC 4-2 in the KSHA - D.S. Murthy Memorial hockey tournament here.

**The result:** Bengaluru Blues HC 'A' 4 (Ponyogesh Kumar 7, B. Muniyappan 30, M. Ilamaran 43, M. Aravinth 45) bt Rainbow HC 2 (Sharvan Kushalappa 23, 47).

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